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**Winds keep slick off, but menace lurks**

MANAMA, April 3 (AP) — Health and environment protection officials sought Sunday to allay widespread fears about a monstrous oil spill floating in the Arabian Gulf and seriously threatening marine life and vital water desalination plants along half a dozen Arab countries.

Winds have fragmented and swept huge portions of the oil slick while officials reported that what seemed to be an imminent and grave menace on Saturday has been postponed.

The main body of the slick, still floating in the northern sector of the Gulf, has been creeping and fanning out in southerly directions. Pollution and health authorities were, meanwhile, devising contingency plans to combat the slick if it hit their coastlines.

The initial portion of the slick narrowly missed Bahrain on Friday, as strong winds drove it off the coast. But a "light layer" of the spill hit two points in the northeastern coast of the state of Qatar on Friday and early Saturday, before it veered away from lifeline water desalination and power plants.

Tension eased in Bahrain, as officials reported that the nearest patch of the slick, some 60 kilometers (48 miles) north of island, had largely broken up into smaller parts.

"We are out of the immediate danger, and have a little breathing time," said one environment protection expert. "We have passed the crisis now and will be able to plan action against the slick in a more orderly way."

In the United Arab Emirates, cabinet ministers and environment protection agencies were in almost perpetual sessions to arrange action against the slick menace. In Qatar, officials recovered from the shock of the spill which hit their coastline and issued a statement asserting that "we now are completely free from pollution."

The statement, issued after a meeting of the Qatar Environment Protection Council, added that specialized anti-pollution equipment were being imported from Western Europe and that daily analyses of fish samples were being conducted to determine if they are safe for human consumption.

In Saudi Arabia, the government reported that no traces of the slick have been sighted in the territorial waters.

**Talks with Hussein end Arafat backs Fez plan**

AMMAN, April 3 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat pledged his support Sunday for an Arab peace plan calling for an independent Palestinian state and aides vowed the organization would never allow Jordan's King Hussein to negotiate with Israel on their behalf.

Arafat will convene a meeting of the entire PLO executive committee here Monday to discuss the results of his weekend peace talks with Hussein, a reliable source said.

While no statement was issued, discussions reportedly dealt with the terms of an agreement that would allow Hussein to participate in peace negotiations on the basis of a formula aimed at reconciling peace plans proposed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the Arab summit at Fez last September.

Arafat has said the results of his talks with Hussein would be submitted to an upcoming extraordinary Arab summit.

Hussein was described by Western diplomats as being ready to enter peace talks with Israel on the Palestinians' behalf if he received the endorsement of the PLO and the rest of the Arab world.

Before his meeting with the king, Arafat told reporters jammed into a PLO office near his guest quarters that Palestinian support for the U.S. Middle East initiative "depends upon the attitude of President Reagan himself."

Asked whether he saw merit in Reagan's peace plan which calls for Palestinian self government in association with Jordan, Arafat replied in English: "I am sorry, I see nothing because still the Americans give unlimited support to the Israeli aggression, this Israeli military junta's crimes."

Arafat added, "I am still committed to what the Arabs have accepted in the Fez conference and nothing new concerning it."

Arab heads of state meeting in Fez passed a resolution calling for an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. The Reagan proposals rule out an independent state.

Arafat said Jordan's position is "still under discussion." If the PLO sticks by its public position, there seemed little chance that the king and Arafat would reach any agreement allowing Jordan to negotiate on the Palestinians' behalf on the basis of the Reagan plan.

**400 girls hospitalized Wave of poisonings strikes W. Bank anew**

TEL AVIV, April 3 (Agencies) — Almost 400 Palestinian schoolgirls in two West Bank towns were hospitalized Sunday in a renewal of an illness caused by poisonings.

There were anti-Israel disturbances in at least five West Bank towns as Arab youths threw stones at Israeli cars. The armed forces radio reported at least six persons were injured.

Israeli troops slapped curfews on Yatta and parts of Tulkarem and Nablus to try to quell the protests.

Altogether 394 schoolgirls were hospitalized Sunday, said Dr. Baruch Modan, director general of the Health Ministry. This brought to about 900 the number of cases reported since March 21 when a school near Jenin, in the northern part of the West Bank, was hit by a wave of teenaged girls reporting dizziness, nausea, headaches and blurred vision.

Sources from the Hebron municipal hospital said the staff was overwhelmed Sunday with the sudden influx of patients. Earlier Palestinian reports from occupied East Jerusalem spoke of six hundred Yatta schoolgirls transported to hospital in Hebron.

Modan told Israel radio he had met with Dr. Franz Alter, an official of the International Committee of the Red Cross who flew to Israel from Switzerland late last week to look into the illness. Modan said Alter had walked around on his own in Jenin Saturday. The Israeli health official said he hoped that Alter will publish his findings after meeting with local Red Cross officials.

Police spokesman Meir Gilboa said the Hebron police chief and his deputy were surrounded by students and stoned when they went to the Yatta School, and an army force was called in to extricate them.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, two Israeli soldiers were wounded by a hand grenade thrown at troops outside a hospital, Israeli radio reported. An Arab youth from a refugee camp near Hebron was treated for a bullet wound in the hand, the report said.

Security sources said the youth was wounded by an Israeli. Investigators were searching for the man.

At least three Israelis were reported injured during stone-throwing incidents in Jerusalem's Old City and the West Bank, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) called Sunday for a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council on poisonings. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat told a news conference the schoolchildren were being poisoned and his executive committee considered that "these crimes are part of a policy of genocide against the Palestinian people."

The executive had decided to appeal for a Security Council meeting. Meanwhile it was also sending messages to the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross, King Fahd, the Pope and others.

In another development, the collapse of the minaret of a mosque on the boundary of Tel Aviv and its ancient sister city of Jaffa has created new tensions between the city's Arab residents and Israeli authorities.

**Water puts oil price in shade**

MANAMA, April 3 (AP) — Residents of the Gulf region were stocking up over the weekend on mineral water bottles, which were selling in some cases at the equivalent of \$60 per barrel.

The government of Qatar, the latest Gulf state to suffer from a slick scare, resulting from a massive Iranian oil spill now on the loose in the Gulf, had to fix prices Saturday at a ceiling of \$51 per contents of a standard oil barrel.

A decree issued in Doha put the price of lower quality mineral water bottles at 16 riyal (\$4.38) for a box of 12 bottles, each of 1.5 liters.

The calculation adds up to a price of \$38.50 per the standard barrel of 42 gallons

**Maggie controls security services**

LONDON, April 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has taken personal control of the British security services in an attempt to improve intelligence-gathering and spy-catching, the *Mail on Sunday* newspaper reported.

The weekly said all major decisions on the operations of the home and overseas wings of the security services, M15 and M16, are now taken by the premier because she had become "exasperated" by a series of security failures.

Two Soviet diplomats, Col. Guennadi Primakov and Vladimir Ivanov, and journalist Igor Titov of the Moscow weekly *New Times*, were ordered out of Britain last Thursday for alleged espionage.

Mrs. Thatcher's colleagues see her own "rough line" in the expulsions and more could follow, the report said.

In future, the *Mail on Sunday* said, the two directors will make recommendations and Mrs. Thatcher will decide whether to accept, reject or amend.

**U.S. cool to Soviet rejection**

WASHINGTON, April 3 (Agencies) — The United States said Saturday that President Ronald Reagan's interim nuclear arms proposal is still alive despite a negative reception from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko.

Putting the best interpretation possible on Gromyko's remarks, senior U.S. officials said they found his comments "somewhat restrained," but were disappointed in the Soviet official's "unconstructive initial response." And they said Gromyko's major objections to Reagan's latest proposal were not supported by the facts.

"When we get to the guts of the Gromyko argument we find it doesn't stand up," said one official who, like others, spoke to reporters on condition he not be identified.

Gromyko, in a two-hour news conference in Moscow Saturday, had three main objections to Reagan's latest proposal to limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Reagan's interim proposal seeks an agreement in which both sides will accept equal low levels of medium-range missiles. Initially, Reagan suggested that the United States forgo deployment of 572 missiles in Europe this December if the Soviets destroy their intermediate-range force.

Gromyko complained that Reagan's plan does not include 162 mostly sea-based British and French missiles, that it does not count aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons, and that it includes an "unacceptable" demand that the Soviet dismantle their medium-range missiles in Asia as well as in Europe.

In a related development, Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone Sunday flatly rejected Gromyko's statement that there were nuclear weapons in Japan.

Nakasone told newsmen in Fukuoka that the late Prime Minister Eisaku Sato had persuaded the United States to remove all nuclear arms from Okinawa during the reversion negotiations. Okinawa was returned to Japan in 1972.

"All Japanese know that. The statement (by Gromyko) is totally groundless and regrettable," said the prime minister, who was visiting this Kyushu city on a campaign tour for the April 10 gubernatorial election.

**Kingdom, Pakistan sign security pacts**

RIYADH, April 3 (SPA) — The Kingdom has signed two security cooperation agreements with Pakistan at a meeting attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif and his Pakistani counterpart Mahmood Haroon here Sunday.

One agreement calls for the extradition of criminals and the other for training and exchange of technical expertise and cooperation between the two countries.

The Kingdom has similar agreements with other countries, including those of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

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'Positive U.S. moves should be exploited'

## Kingdom backs Arab summit-Yamani

ABU DHABI, April 3 (WAM) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani was quoted Sunday as saying Saudi Arabia welcomes the convocation of an Arab summit conference that would bring the Arabs closer together. Dr. Yamani told *Al-Balad* newspaper of Abu Dhabi that despite the fact that all Arab countries are willing to host the conference yet "all indications prove that it would be held in Fez", Morocco.

He added the Fez summit is expected to discuss the outcome of the tour made by the seven-man Arab committee to the world capitals to explain the unified Arab peace plan calling for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. The summit is also expected to discuss the proposed solutions to solve the Middle East problem and evaluate

the recent situation.

Yamani said the U.S. administration was currently making "responsible and conscientious" moves which should be exploited by the Arabs. He described those moves as "positive" and called on the Arabs to respond and "make the American administration feel that the Arabs are appreciating the new American attitude."

"We do not expect others to make moves while we stand idle. We should exploit the change of the American policy that understood the real Arab cause and the Israeli intransigence concerning its refusal to withdraw from Lebanon."

The minister hailed in this connection Washington's decision to stop the shipment of U.S. made F-16 planes to Israel saying, "It

is an indication of the superpower understanding to the dangers of the continued Israeli occupation and its unjustified stay in Lebanon."

Dr. Yamani warned "time is against the Arabs and called on them to exploit all moves at the Arab front."

On the Saudi attitude toward Lebanon, the minister said "All Arabs appreciate the Lebanese moves and back any step aimed at the restoration of the Lebanese independence, security and stability."

On the Kingdom's oil policy, Dr. Yamani asserted Saudi Arabia's keenness to preserve the unity of OPEC. He said throughout the past years Saudi Arabia has made all possible positive efforts to unite the 13-member organization.

"Saudi Arabia has never violated the OPEC resolutions nor encouraged others to do so."

However, he added this year's budget will be affected by the reduced oil production and revenues and its impact on the national income. "There are top priorities but the country will continue with the existing developing plan," Yamani explained.

The minister hailed the achievements of the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council (AGCC) saying it represented a force to unite the Arab Gulf as well as the Arab and Islamic worlds.

"The AGCC has proved that it is not a bloc against anyone. It is a positive force to realize good and cast aside any artificial difference," he concluded.

## Naif opens Arab justice parley today

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 3 — Minister of the Interior Prince Naif will open Monday a three-day conference of the Arab Justice Ministerial Council which will convene at the Intercontinental Hotel here. The conference will be attended by representatives from 21 Arab states, the Palestine Liberation Organization represented by Jamal Al-Sorani, and Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi.

The meeting's agenda includes reviewing the secretariat's report on past sessions, the unification of Arab legislation and judicial systems, enhancing judicial cooperation among Arab states, and reviewing the study on setting up a judicial training institute and exchange of information. The conference will also discuss a report by Klibi on a proposed Arab strategy for social development.

The Kingdom's delegation, led by Justice Minister Ibrahim Al-Sheikh, will present a paper calling for training judicial cadres, expanding and promoting Islamic culture in educational institutions and Universities and applying Islamic rules in economic and social life.

The meeting is the third one after two meetings held in Rabat, Morocco and Sanaa, North Yemen.

## Ministry's schools total 7,493

RIYADH, April 3 (SPA) — The number of schools affiliated to the Ministry of Education totals 7,493 with nearly 902,400 students at various stages, an official ministry report said here. The report, approved by Minister of Education Abdul Aziz Al-Khurwair, said there were two kindergarten schools with nearly 1,240 children.

About 149,830 teachers are employed at the schools, the report added. It said there were 4,177 primary schools with nearly 608,960 students and 32,277 teachers.

The report said there were 1,049 elementary schools as well as 105 evening schools.

The number of students at the elementary schools totaled 162,820 with nearly 10,820 teachers, it added. The report said there were 383 secondary schools with nearly 56,870 students and 3,555 teachers.

It said there were 82 institutes and junior colleges with nearly 11,300 students and 380 teachers.

## Lasram confers with Dr. Algosaihi

RIYADH, April 3 (SPA) — Visiting Tunisian Economy Minister Abdul Aziz Lasram has conferred with Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi. Dr. Algosaihi told SPA the meeting Saturday concentrated on reviewing the outcome of talks between the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Tunisian Petrochemical and Consuming Industries Establishments.

The gathering also discussed means of promoting electricity cooperation between



Abdul Aziz Al-Khurwair

the two countries. He added that a number of Tunisian engineers and technicians had arrived in the Kingdom to work with Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company (SCECO) and the General Electricity Organization.

Lasram arrived here Friday leading a high-ranking delegation for talks with Saudi Arabian leaders on bolstering economic and industrial cooperation between the Kingdom and Tunisia.

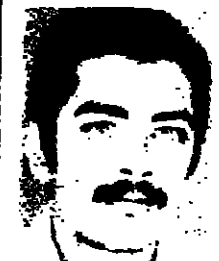
## South Philippines reforms refuted

JEDDAH, April 3 — Filipino Muslim leader Nur Misuari has denied that any constitutional arrangements had taken place in the Southern Philippines in accordance with the 1967 agreement signed in Tripoli bet-

ween the Philippines government and the Moro National Liberation Front, *Al-Madinah* reported Sunday.

He said that the government of President Ferdinand Marcos had violated the agreement by taking unilateral steps. For instance, it excluded three areas from the autonomy stipulated in the agreement. Such an autonomy was therefore granted to only 10 out of 13 provinces.

Misuari charged that by saying that constitutional and financial reforms had taken place in Southern Philippines, government officials were only distorting facts.



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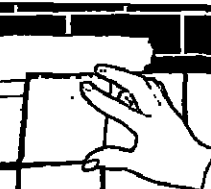
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## Egypt urges PLO to toe Jordan line for peace

PEKING, April 3 (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urged the Palestine Liberation Organization to join Jordan's King Hussein in a Middle East strategy as soon as possible "or lose a golden opportunity for peace."

If the current talks between PLO leader Yasser Arafat and King Hussein fail, Mubarak told a press conference here, the problem will be greatly complicated by the fast growing Israeli settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Then the Arab world will be blamed for the continuing strife, he said.

"We are calling on the Palestinians to cooperate and declare the linkage between the Palestinians and King Hussein," he said, breaking urgently into English from Arabic so his audience would understand.

### Minaret collapse triggers protest

TEL AVIV, April 3 (AP) — About 200 Palestinians held a day-long vigil Sunday outside a mosque whose minaret collapsed, while Israeli officials quarreled in public over who was to blame.

Abed Qabub, head of the Tel Aviv Waqf claimed "there was something unnatural" about the collapse of the minaret on the Hassan Bek Mosque, a 69-year-old landmark of the Tel Aviv beachfront.

The mosque stands at the border between Tel Aviv and its Arab suburb, Jaffa, and has become a symbol of Muslim self-determination under Jewish rule.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat accused the Religious Affairs Ministry of neglecting to allocate funds for renovation works.

Arabs. So they should declare the linkage and the ball should be sent to the court of the Israelis and the United States," he said.

Speaking in the Great Hall of the People, Mubarak was joined by Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang and the entire Egyptian and Chinese delegations attending his two days of talks in Peking.

Earlier Mubarak met top leader Deng Xiaoping and Communist Party General-Secretary Hu Yaobang. The substance of those meetings was not disclosed.

Asked about the PLO-Jordanian talks, Mubarak said, "if there is no linkage to be declared between the Palestinians and King Hussein as soon as possible, we are going to lose this golden opportunity for pushing this peace cause forward and putting an end to it."

Since Reagan announced his plan, Mubarak said, the Israelis have been building many settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

If negotiations are delayed until next October, it will be very difficult for the U.S. administration to give top priority to the problem, he said.

"It will have no time and it will be kept until the end of 1984," he said, referring to the effect of U.S. elections.

By that time Israeli settlements will blanket the area, "which will make it very difficult to reach a fair solution for the problem," he said.

Mubarak supports Reagan's initiative, with some reservations, as the only realistic solution and considers the eight-point Arab peace plan to be idealistic.

Asked about relations with Arab states which opposed Egypt's Camp David peace treaty with Israel, Mubarak said the differences are "superficial and temporary, as between brothers in the same family."



WELCOME: King Hussein of Jordan receiving PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat at Nadwa Palace Saturday afternoon in Amman. The two leaders later discussed Jordanian-Palestinian relationship.

### Druze-Christian fighting rages

BEIRUT, April 3 (AP) — Fighting flared between Druze and Christian militiamen in the Israeli-controlled Chouf mountains southeast of Beirut Saturday evening, the Lebanese state radio said. No casualties were reported.

The artillery exchange was the first serious incident of its kind since an Israeli-supervised ceasefire was agreed upon by the Christian Lebanese forces and the Druze militias, on Feb. 7.

### Mrs. Bhutto in U.K.

LONDON, April 3 (AP) — Nusrat Bhutto, widow of executed Pakistani President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, is in Britain on a private visit the Home Office said Sunday.

A spokesman denied to say how long Mrs. Bhutto has been in this country, but said she may stay for as long as six months on a visitor's visa.

Mrs. Bhutto was under house arrest in Pakistan until last November. She was allowed to leave the country after a medical tribunal ruled she urgently needed treatment for suspected cancer.

## Blocking F-16 sale may have impact on American election

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's decision to stall delivery of 75 F-16 warplanes to Israel marks a further shift in his once-enthusiastic embrace of the Jewish state and may leave an imprint on the 1984 presidential race in the United States.

Reagan announced last week that he was postponing the \$2.7 billion arms deal because of Israel's invasion of Lebanon last June. The United States has been trying, unsuccessfully so far, to bring about the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

Israeli officials, including Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, reacted angrily to Reagan's F-16 decision, which also prompted debate in U.S. political circles.

Twice in 1981 Reagan exacted mild punishment on Israel. Delivery of jet fighters was suspended that summer over the bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor. In December, a strategic cooperation agreement was shelved after Israel annexed the Golan Heights.

But, for the most part, Reagan took a friendly stance. Former President Richard Nixon remarked that Reagan was the best friend Israel had in the White House since Harry Truman.

Israel's drive into Lebanon in June caused virtually no uproar within the administration. At the time, there was little sentiment for cutting off U.S. arms or halting economic aid.

But Reagan's irritation has increased as U.S. efforts to work out an Israeli withdrawal did not pay off. Finally, answering questions after a Los Angeles speech on Thursday, the president announced the 75 jets were being withheld. He said the law restricted the use of American arms for defensive purposes, and he accused the Israelis of acting like an occupying power.

Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes reiterated in Santa Barbara, California, that the United States has no intention of permitting the warplane delivery until the Israelis leave Lebanon.

The United States already has delivered a first batch of 75 of the F-16 Fighting Falcons to the Israelis, and they are credited by U.S.

Air Force officers with a key role in destroying some of the Syrian surface-to-air missile sites in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley last summer.

With the new delivery in doubt, U.S. officials said, the Israeli Air Force has decided to upgrade its nearly 140 F-4 warplanes, including equipping them with improved air-to-ground weapons, possibly a version of the Gabriel missile. The Gabriel was developed as a naval weapon for use against ships.

The Israeli aircraft industry has been working on a new plane of its own design called the Lavi, but U.S. government sources said this aircraft is still in a relatively early phase and is proving more costly than expected.

Speakes told reporters who accompanied Reagan to the West Coast that at the time of the Israeli invasion in June 1982, the administration withdrew its notification of Congress that it intended to make the F-16 sale.

"Since then, the president has felt the situation has not changed appreciably enough" to permit the notification process and subsequent delivery to proceed, Speakes said.

Since the Israeli invasion, the administration has been asked repeatedly if it planned to notify Congress of an apparent violation of the Arms Export Control Act. The response was always that Israel's action was "under review." Speakes said Friday that review is continuing and "there's been no determination of a violation."

Reagan made his statement to the World Affairs Council in response to a question about whether he was prepared to release the planes to Israel to counter the installation of Soviet surface-to-air missiles in Syria. Speakes said Friday the United States remains committed to ensuring that a balance of forces exists in the region, but that the installation of the SAM-5 is "not creating an imbalance."

Romberg said Reagan's decision doesn't mean other weapons deliveries would be delayed. The Defense Department had notified Congress only last week it wanted to sell Israel 200 Sidewinder air combat missiles for about \$16 million.

## Militia not an obstacle, Haddad says

BEIRUT, April 3 (R) — Lebanese renegade Maj. Saad Haddad has said the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon and not the future of his Israeli-backed militia is the biggest obstacle to the withdrawal of foreign forces from the country.

He told the English-language magazine *Monday Morning* in an interview published Sunday: "Maj Haddad is not the obstacle and it is unfortunate that the Lebanese government should portray Maj Haddad as an obstacle."

He added: "I hope that the Lebanese negotiator will concentrate his efforts on the Syrian withdrawal, which will soon emerge as the major obstacle."

"I say the logical thing is to have our forces handle the matter (of security arrangements). Why should we let Israel handle it? Our forces are ready to take it over and in the past seven years we have given irrefutable proof of our loyalty and allegiance to Lebanon," Haddad said.

Haddad's militia, estimated by the Leban-

ese government to number 840 men, came to prominence when Israel installed it in control of a strip of South Lebanon along the Israeli border in 1978.

Haddad said he had not had serious discussions about his future with Israeli or the Lebanese government and called for an official delegation to be sent to speak to him.

"It amazes me that there should be direct negotiations with Israel and no direct negotiations with Major Haddad. That hurts," he said.

He said he had no personal ambitions. "Had I had personal ambitions I would have left long ago. I had very tempting offers long ago, in the days of president (Elias) Sarkis."

President Sarkis was in power from 1976 until 1982.

"I was told, for instance to take \$200,000 and go relax somewhere for six months, and I was told I would be sent for two years of training in America and remain in the army and be promoted or whatever I wanted Maj. Haddad said.

## Israel in dark on Soviet deployment

TEL AVIV, April 3 (R) — Israel's military chief of staff was quoted in newspaper interviews published Sunday as saying he had no information that Soviet troops had been deployed with Syrian ground forces.

Lt.-Gen. Rafael Eytan, who steps down as military commander later this month, told the *Maariv* and *Yedioth Ahronoth* newspapers he did not believe Soviet pilots would fly Syrian warplanes against Israel.

"It may be that this will change, or that we don't know everything," he said, "but this is the picture according to the facts we have."

Israeli and U.S. officials have expressed concern over the deployment of some 5,000

Soviet technicians and troops manning batteries of SAM-5 ground-to-air missiles in Syria.

The Soviets and Syria have said that Israel plans to attack Syrian forces in eastern Lebanon in the late spring or early summer, a charge Israel has denied.

"They are spreading rumors that we are about to attack them," said Eytan. "They know that this is not true, but the question that arises: Why are they spreading these rumors? Maybe they really think that, and maybe they are plotting something behind the screen of rumors," he added.

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# CIA 'spends \$30m' on Nicaragua exiles

NEW YORK, April 3 (Agencies) — The CIA has spent \$30 million on a secret operation to arm and train Nicaraguan exiles based in Honduras, *Newsweek* magazine reported Sunday.

It said the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had used all the \$19 million allocated by the Reagan administration for the operation and had to dip into a hidden fund to raise the extra \$11 million.

Although the CIA says the anti-Sandinista rebels' mission is to restrict the flow of arms from Nicaragua to leftist rebels in El Salvador, *Newsweek* said many powerful members of Congress believe the real intention is to topple Nicaragua's leftist government.

It quoted an unnamed U.S. official as saying: "They (the anti-Sandinistas) can operate on their own inside Nicaragua now and they're growing stronger." In another report, a *Newsweek* correspondent who spent six days with U.S.-backed counter-revolutionaries said they were well-armed, enjoyed local support and were gearing up to widen the war inside Nicaragua.

Meanwhile, Nicaraguan exile forces and Sandinista army troops clashed Saturday near two working gold mines in a sparsely populated region of northeastern Nicaragua, the insurgents and Nicaraguan military and civilian sources said.

The military and civilian sources here also said guerrillas were still operating in the provinces of Nueva Segovia, Jinotega and Matagalpa.

About 150 guerrillas were involved in the fighting 270 miles northeast of Managua in Zelaya province near the Bonanza mine, considered to be one of the country's major gold mines, the sources in Managua said. They did not say how many government troops were in the area.

They said another guerrilla group, of undetermined size, was fighting near the Sinu mine, 25 miles to the southwest.

In Tegucigalpa, a member of the

Honduran-based Nicaraguan Democratic Force, the exile organization leading the insurgency, also reported that clashes continued Saturday near the two mines. In another part of the province, 27 Indians were killed and 1,000 forced to flee their homes in a Sandinista attack, he said.

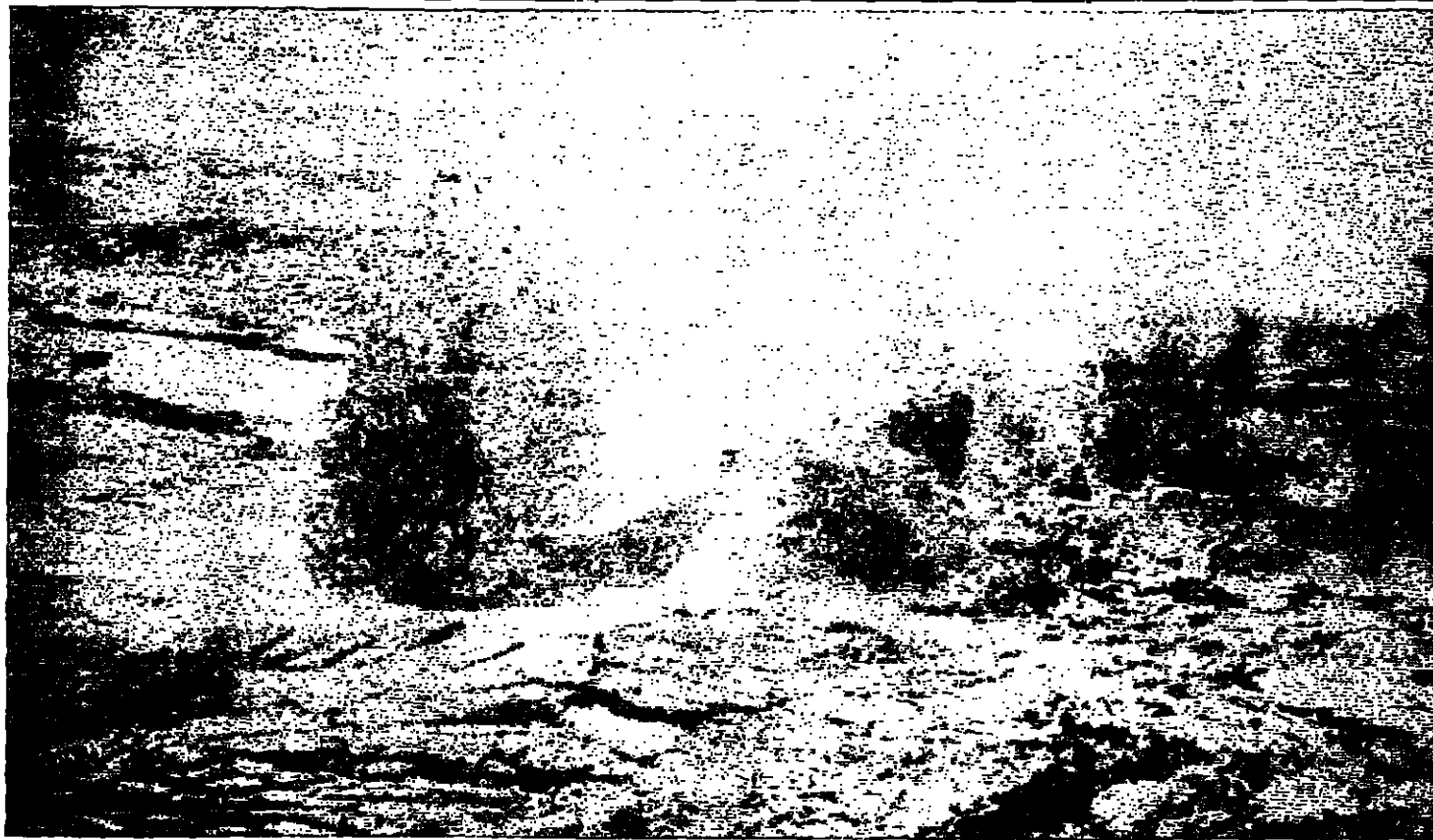
The rebels have not declared publicly that they intend to take the mines. The sources from both sides asked not to be identified for security reasons. Spokesmen for the Nicaraguan Defense, Foreign and Interior Ministries said they knew of no fighting in the area.

"That (rebel) force is part of the one that entered the country from Honduras near the Atlantic coast three days ago and was repelled by the Sandinista Army," the sources in Managua said.

Defense Minister Humberto Ortega said Thursday that more than 250 rebel troops had crossed the border and fought several battles near Bismuta, El Suspiro and other towns near the coast. Twelve Sandinista soldiers and an undetermined number of insurgents were killed in the fighting, Ortega said. He said 27 civilians "had been affected", but did not say how.

They were among the 317 rebels and 72 Sandinista soldiers the government estimates have been killed since the rebel offensive began two months ago. Ortega said some of the exiles returned to Honduras, but the 150 continued on to Santa Clara, north of the Bonanza mine. There are no telephones in the area or at the northeastern port of Puerto Cabezas.

In Tegucigalpa, the rebel source said Sandinista Air Force and Army troops bombed and fired machine guns in the area of Francia Serpes, 25 miles from the Honduran border in Zelaya province, a region inhabited by Indians. It was not clear if the 27 Indians killed in the attack were the same civilians Ortega referred to.



BUBBLING LAVA VENT: An active vent on Kilauea volcano's east rift zone in Hawaii shoots debris skyward, sending some molten lava to heights of 200 feet.

## Volcano shoots fountains of lava

VOLCANO, Hawaii, April 3 (AP) — The Kilauea volcano shot fountains of lava more than 200 feet high Saturday, continuing a burst of activity that began Monday.

The volcano has been erupting off and on since Jan. 3. A month ago, lava flowed into the Royal Gardens subdivision and destroyed two homes.

Lava poured from one vent and more than two miles down the mountainside before the volcano fell silent Wednesday night, said Norman Banks, a geologist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park Observatory.

One lava flow stopped overnight but another continued to move slowly Saturday, Banks said. It posed no immediate threat to developed property, he said.

## Chinese premier to visit Ecuador

PEKING, April 3 (AFP) — Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang has accepted an invitation from President Oswaldo Hurtado to visit Ecuador, the New China News Agency announced at the end of a visit here by Ecuadoran Foreign Minister Luis Valencia Rodriguez.

"Zhao Ziyang accepted the invitation with pleasure", the Ecuadoran foreign minister said. Rodriguez, who arrived here Wednesday and left Saturday for Japan, is the first member of an Ecuadoran government to visit China since diplomatic relations were established between the two countries in January 1980.

The Chinese prime minister said that the two countries had "many identical views on current major international issues," and stressed the importance of cooperation between developing countries with the aim of establishing a new world economic order.

## Gandhi seeks closer Chinese cooperation

NEW DELHI, April 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said Saturday there was "tremendous scope" for closer Sino-Indian cooperation and called for an era of friendship between the world's two most populous nations.

The 65-year-old leader told a visiting 11-member Chinese delegation that the two countries should step up cultural and com-

mercial exchanges in order to establish closer friendship, officials said.

She said Sino-Indian friendship will help improve the living standards of the two peoples and also contribute to global peace "at a time when the world was facing serious dangers," the officials said.

The two Asian giants fought a brief but bloody border war in 1962. India says 37,000

square kilometers of Indian territory remains in Chinese control. India also says China wrongfully claims another 234,000 square kilometers of northeast India.

The two countries concluded their third round of border and normalization talks last February in Peking without settling their major differences but agreeing to continue working for solutions.

### To fly flag again on Falklands

## Argentine Navy takes a vow

BUENOS AIRES, April 3 (AP) — The Argentine Navy on Saturday said it has "a score to settle" with Britain and vowed the country's flag could fly again someday in the Falkland Islands.

The Navy statement marking the anniversary of the Argentine invasion and occupation of the archipelago 250 miles off the southern Argentine coast was the only official notice of the date.

Newspapers reflected on the war, which ended June 14 with Argentina's surrender, and its aftermath. But there were no rallies exhibiting the nationalistic fervor that exploded last April 2, and the government's observance of the anniversary was put off until Monday because of weekend festivities.

Leopoldo Galtieri, who was president and

army commander at the time of the invasion, was quoted Saturday as saying he favored fighting on past June 14 and blamed the military governor of the islands for the defeat.

Navy Cmdr. Adm. Ruben Franco, in a message read at Navy bases throughout the country, said: "The Navy has a score to settle...No matter how much time passes, the moment will come when an Argentine hand will raise our flag forever over the same spot where the blood of our men spilled to nourish a historic root."

The war cost 712 Argentine and 255 British lives. Argentina claims Britain stole the islands in 1833, when the Royal Navy ousted Argentine authorities and settlers from the archipelago and established a colony.

"(We feel) pain for the lost battle, the capitulation that affronts us, the impotence that tears us apart, but that does not diminish either truth or right," Franco said.

The daily *Clarín*, the capital's largest circulation newspaper, published an interview it said it had with Galtieri last August. The paper did not say why it delayed publication of the interview, but all the major Argentine policymakers during the conflict have been reluctant to make public statements since the surrender.

Galtieri said he was "disillusioned" by Gen. Mario Menendez, who as military governor commanded Argentine forces in the islands. "It is one thing to talk about dying and another thing to die," said Galtieri of Menendez, who in various speeches to his troops prior to the British offensive promised to fight to "the last drop of blood."

Galtieri said he himself was "surprised" by the rapid fall of the islands' capital of Port Stanley. He said reinforcements were standing by on the continent and that the Air Force had received new planes from Peru and Israel.

## British troops alerted on island

LONDON, April 3 (AFP) — British troops on the Falkland Islands were put on alert Friday after Argentine fighter planes were detected heading toward the South Atlantic archipelago, British Broadcasting Corporation television reported here Saturday.

The report said British Harrier and Phantom fighters took off from the capital at Port Stanley to intercept the Argentine aircraft. They turned back when they hit the limit of the 150-mile exclusion zone around the Falklands without making contact with the Argentine planes, the BBC said.

The incident occurred a few hours before the first anniversary of the islands' invasion by Argentine troops April 2 last year.

## Priest to help in Barbie's defense

LYON, France, April 3 (AP) — The only attorney in France who also is a Catholic priest is helping prepare the defense of Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie for his trial on charges of crimes against humanity. Barbie's court-appointed defense lawyer said.

Alain de la Servette, Barbie's lawyer, said Saturday he had asked Robert Boyer, the priest, to assist him on the case.

Boyer, 59, runs a center for Catholic youths in Lyon and has been a lawyer since 1974. His previous court cases have involved defending accused murderers and drug offenders.

"I asked Boyer to help me wade through the massive amount of paperwork on this case because I knew he is passionately interested in this period of our history," De la Servette said. "I also may be asking other colleagues to help me out on the case."

Boyer first became interested in the legal profession when he began visiting prisoners in Lyon during the 1960s.

Barbie, 69, is known as the "butcher of Lyon" in France because of his tenure as the Gestapo chief in the city during the Nazi occupation of France during World War II. He has been accused of deporting thousands of French Jews to Nazi death camps and of

assassinating and torturing thousands of French resistance fighters.

Postwar military courts in Lyon have twice sentenced Barbie to death in absentia, but a new case is being prepared against him because the statute of limitations expired on those two sentences. His trial is not expected to start for about a year.

Barbie was brought to France on Feb. 5 after he was expelled from Bolivia, where he had lived under a false identity since 1951. He is being kept under heavy guard at St. Joseph Prison in Lyon pending his trial.

On March 6, Barbie was rushed from the prison to a local hospital for an emergency hernia operation. He was hospitalized for almost a week before being returned to the prison.

"He's recovering well from his operation," Barbie's attorney said. "But he's very tired and beaten. He would like to see his daughter again."

Barbie's daughter, who works as a librarian in a small Austrian mountain village, met with her father at St. Joseph Prison for about two hours on the day before his operation. It was the only time the father and daughter have been allowed to see each other since Barbie's return to France.

## Defector betrayed expelled Soviets

LONDON, April 3 (R) — Two Soviet diplomats and a journalist ordered out of Britain this week, apparently for spying, were betrayed by a high-ranking Soviet defector, press reports said.

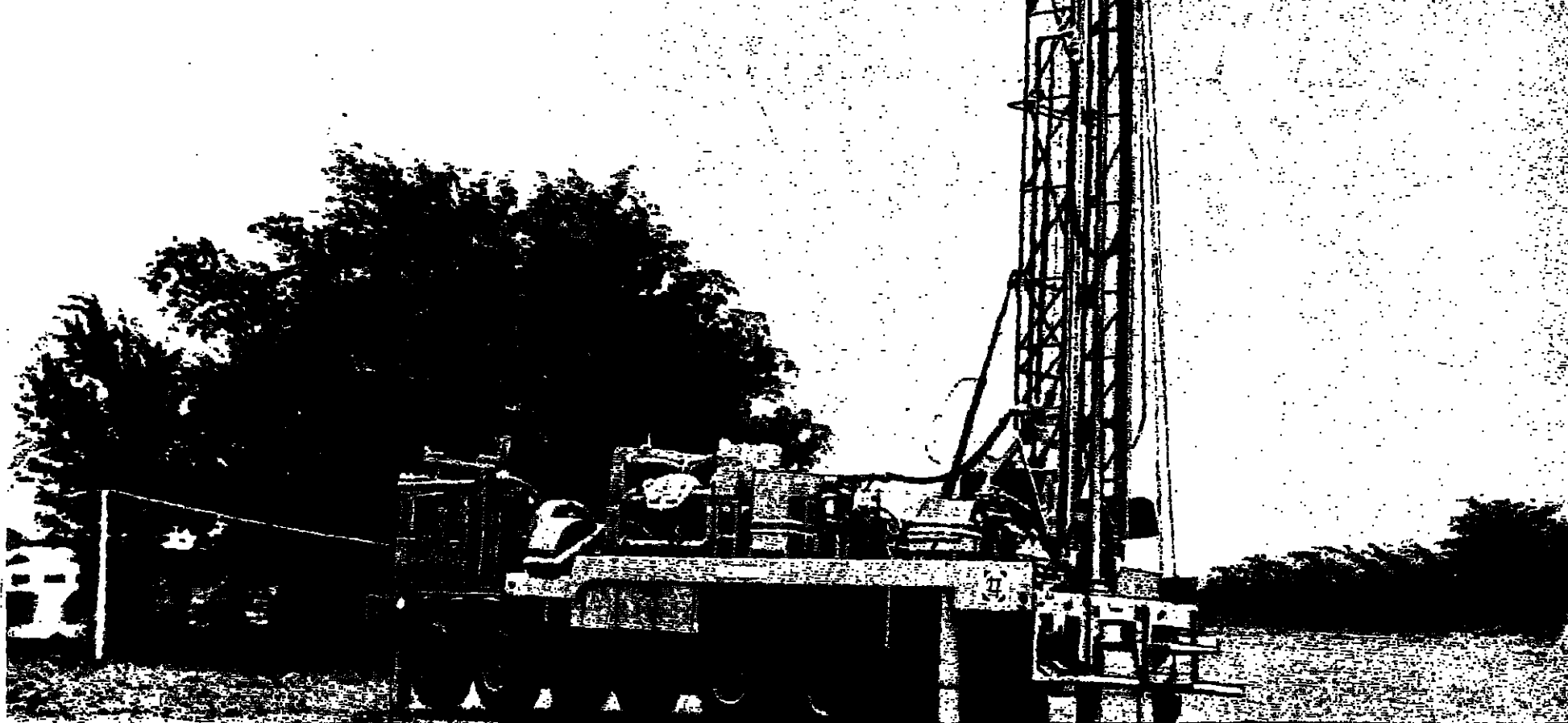
Britain's Press Association news agency quoted official sources as saying Vladimir Kuzichkin, a former Soviet vice consul and intelligence officer in Iran who defected to Britain last October, had provided British intelligence with a list of names.

Other Warsaw Pact diplomats, it said, may

follow the three Soviet representatives, banished for "activities incompatible with their status" and "unacceptable activities," euphemisms for espionage.

The three Russians are an assistant air attaché, Col. Gennady Primakov, second secretary Sergei Ivanov, and Igor Titov, a correspondent for the Soviet *New Times* magazine. Over the past two years Britain has also expelled a Soviet naval attaché, a Russian interpreter, a trade official and a second secretary.

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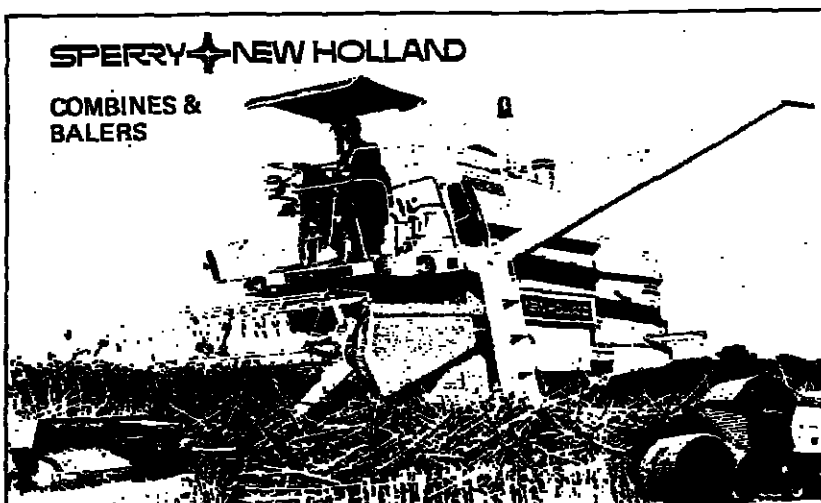
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## Army said holding up tents, medicines

## Colombian quake-hit await help

POPAYAN, Colombia, April 3 (AP) — Cold, hungry and homeless, thousands of survivors of a devastating earthquake buried their dead Saturday and sifted through piles of rubble to salvage blankets and pots and pans. Some begged for money to buy coffins.

Rescue workers complained about delays in the distribution of relief supplies and said the army had held up the delivery of tents and medicine donated by the United States and France.

Many people in this city of 200,000 slept on sidewalks and in parks without blankets or in makeshift shelters made of plastic sheets and wooden poles. The temperature has dropped each night since Thursday's quake to not far above freezing.

Survivors asked passers-by to give them food and water. The sound of children weeping could be heard throughout this colonial city in southwest Colombia. Relief workers distributed poison to kill the rats swarming through the ruins.

Popayan was still without electricity Saturday, food was scarce and drinking water was contaminated by broken sewer mains. The quake killed some 240 persons, injured 700 and left 150,000 homeless, relief workers said.

Red Cross and civil defense officials said the United States sent 3,000 tents Friday, but only a few dozen had been distributed by Saturday afternoon.

A few survivors said some people were selling the tents for up to \$100 each. A Red Cross official who asked not to be identified said the army took 600 of the tents for its soldiers.

About 25 tons of medical equipment and medicine from the United States and 6,000



QUAKE VICTIM: An unidentified survivor of the devastating Popayan quake relaxes at a relief center Saturday.

tents from the French government were in the hands of the Colombian military in Cali, north of Popayan, a Red Cross official, Martin Rojas, told the Associated Press. The tents were flown in by a Canadian armed forces C-130 transport plane Friday.

"What's the delay? Why can't we get the medicine and tents here?" Rojas asked.

The pilot of the U.S. Air Force C-130 that flew in the 25 tons of medical supplies Friday said the Colombian military told him to land in Cali instead of flying to Popayan as another U.S. C-130 Hercules had earlier.

In Cajipio, a town of 5,000 near the epicenter of the quake, there were eight dead and 30 injured, town officials said. By Saturday afternoon the town had not received any medicine, food or other relief items, the officials told an Associated Press reporter.

In this city 6,000 feet above sea level in the Andes, survivors begged for money to bury their dead.

"Don Belisario, give me something for a coffin for my boy," Maria del Socorro Cuaji pleaded before President Belisario Betancur, who flew to the stricken city from Bogota. Her two-year-old son had been crushed by a collapsing wall.

The president dug into his pockets and put all he had in her hand 2,200 pesos (about \$29).

The cheapest coffin costs about \$50, and Betancur asked a police aide to give the mother the rest of the money needed.

Many of the 179 bodies that were buried here were wrapped in pieces of plastic because the mourners could not afford coffins. Another 15 victims were buried in a nearby town. Rescue workers said 40 other bodies had not been identified.

## Oil barges explode

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, April 3 (AP) —

Three barges loaded with crude oil exploded, sending flames and billowing smoke hundreds of feet into the air Saturday night after they collided with a bridge on the St. Louis riverfront, according to a Coast Guard spokesman.

The spokesman said the three barges were burning out of control on the Illinois side of the river after they struck the bridge. The barges, which were unmanned, were being towed before they hit the bridge, the Coast Guard said.

A fourth barge was recovered by the towboat *Greenview* which was not damaged in the mishap, according to chief David Rigsby, of the Coast Guard office at St. Louis.

## BRIEFS

TAIPEI (AFP) — Pan Kung-yi, a 52-year-old Chinese engineer from Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, announced Sunday he is resettling in the Republic of China (Taiwan), and called China's "four modernizations" drive a farce to divert the people. Pan said he got in touch with Taiwanese representatives after he was sent to Hong Kong. He was acting business manager of Hong Kong's "Chinese Overseas Construction Engineering Co.," and arrived in Taiwan. He is married and his wife and children are still in China. Last week, medical researcher Wang Sheng-yuan, 49, defected to Taiwan by way of the United States.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — British director Richard Attenborough and London-based Indian industrialist Swaraj Paul and 14 others were Saturday presented with India's annual Padma Bhushan award by President Zail Singh. Speaking to the Press Trust of India after the ceremony, Sir Richard said he had his sights trained on Hollywood's Oscar Award for his film *Gandhi*, now playing to packed houses in several countries. "The film

has been accepted not only in India but all over the world...Now everything depends on the Oscar," he was quoted as saying.

BASEL, Switzerland (AFP) — Swiss police made a major narcotics haul Friday, seizing 8.2 kilos of pure heroin on an Italia express train bound for Italy, official sources said here. They said it was worth five million Swiss francs (\$2.4 million) but could bring in two to three times that amount when cut and sold. It represented half the quantity of heroin seized in this country last year, they added. No arrests were made in connection with the haul.

ALEXANDROUPOLIS, Greece (R) — Three persons were injured early Sunday when three home-made bombs exploded in a hotel after a speech by former cabinet Minister Ioannis Paliokrassas of the opposition party New Democracy, a hotel spokesman said. The bombs exploded in a hotel in the border town of Didhimotikhon and caused extensive damage. Police are still trying to trace those responsible.

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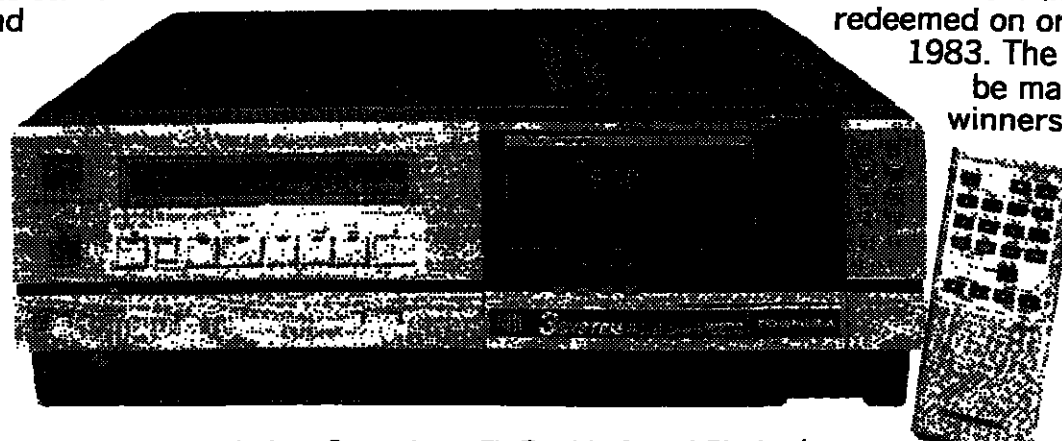
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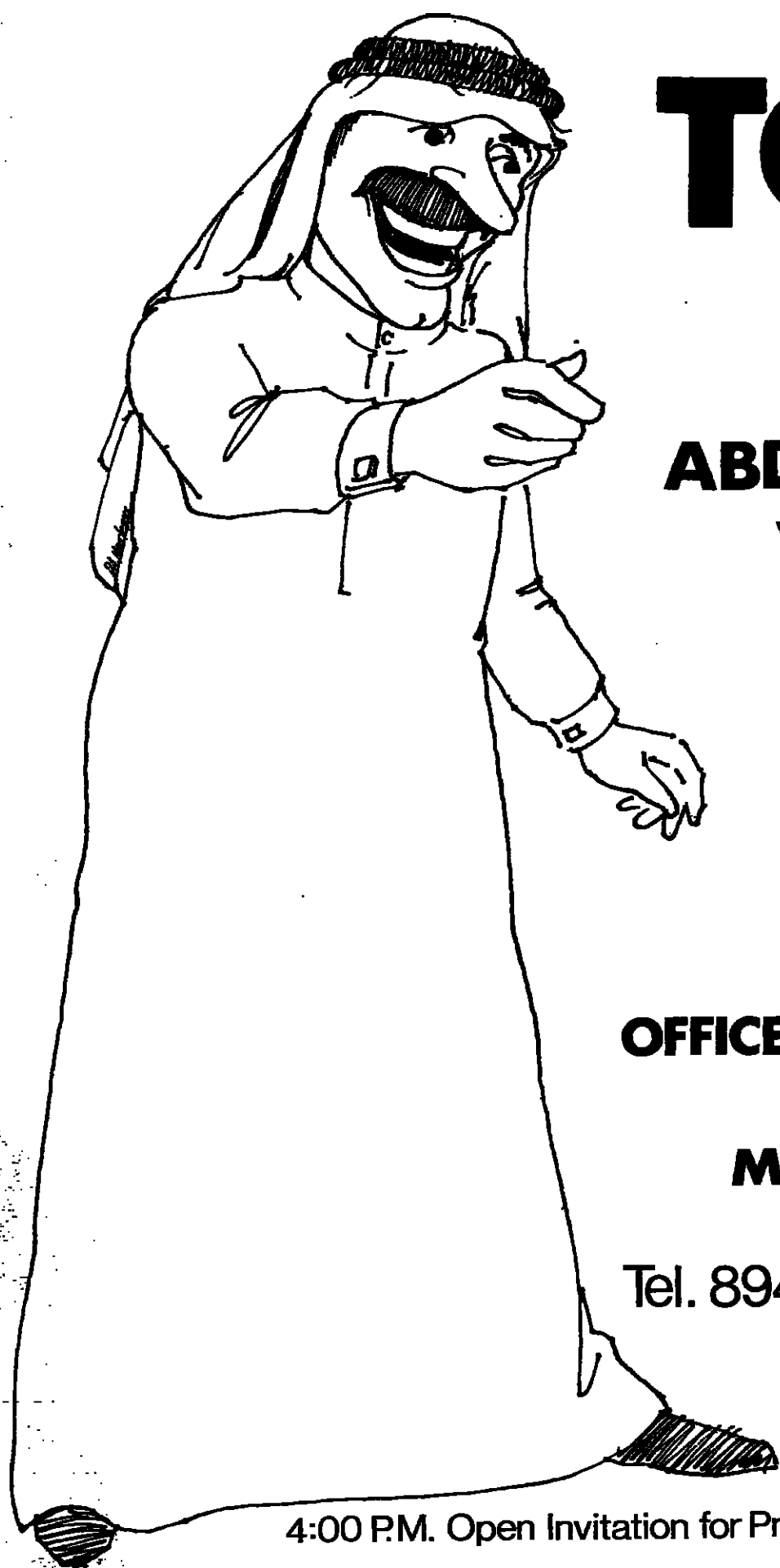
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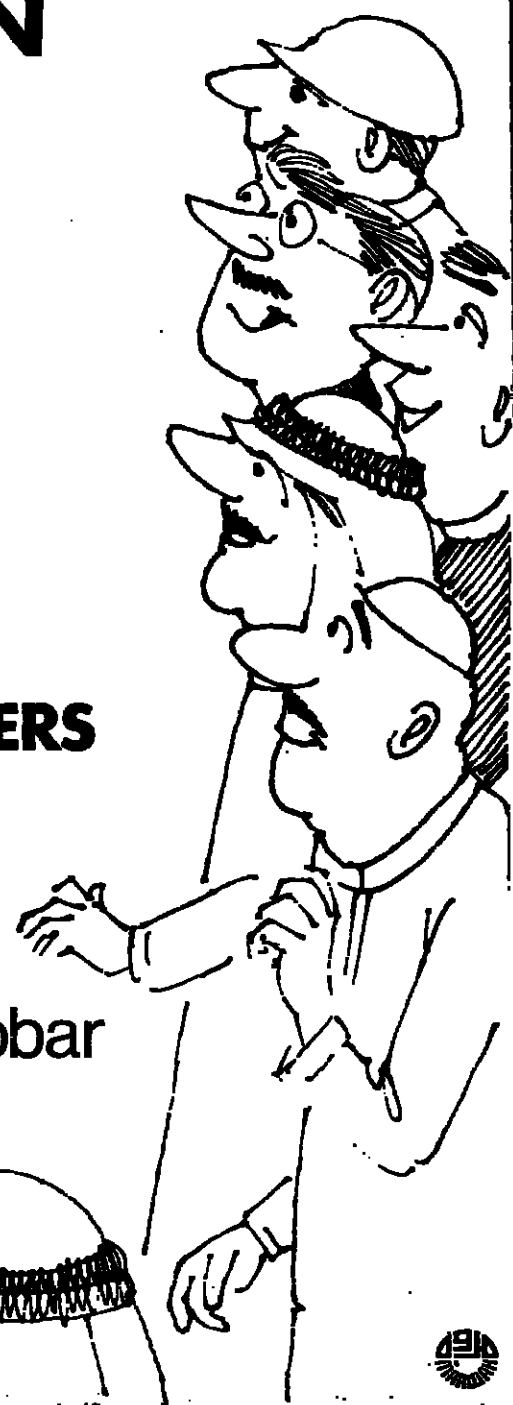
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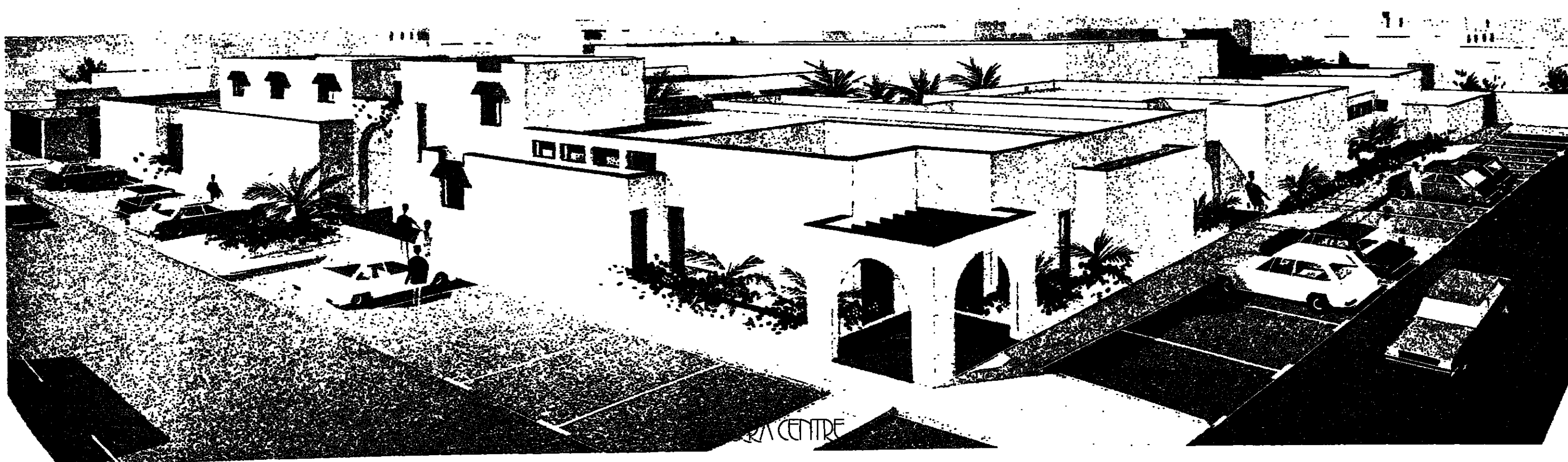
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# Wilander outplays Purcell on way to Monte Carlo title

MONTE CARLO, April 3 (AP) — Mats Wilander of Sweden overpowered American Mel Purcell 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 Sunday to win the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament.

Wilander, seeded No. 5 here, had no trouble against the 23-year-old Purcell. Neither player was particularly sparkling, but the 18-year-old Swede was stronger and more consistent, and he usually passed Purcell at will when the American tried to unnerve him at the net. Wilander hit 16 outright winners during the match, compared to four by Purcell.

Wilander, now 2-0 against Purcell in tournament play, was more aggressive. "I tried to come into the net more today. I tried to do something with every point," he said.

Wilander earned \$60,000 for winning this clay court tournament, the first major Grand Prix event of the 1983 season. Purcell took home \$30,000 for second place.

"He just definitely outplayed me, there's no two ways about it," said Purcell, who showed up at the post-match news conference wearing dark glasses "because that's what boxers wear when they get beat."

Wilander, who stunned the tennis world in 1982 by becoming the youngest player ever to win the French Open, may now be the best clay court player in the world, although he told reporters it was too early in the Grand Prix season to make that judgment. Purcell was less cautious. "Wilander's definitely the best clay court player in the world now that Borg is gone," he said.

Earlier, Balazs Taroczy of Hungary and Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland won the men's doubles title beating the French Davis Cup pair Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte

6-2, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Billie Jean King and Sharon Walsh of the U.S. won the \$150,000 Bridgestone Women's Double Tennis Tournament in Tokyo, defeating top-seeded compatriots Kathy Jordan and Anne Smith 6-0, 6-1.

King and Walsh, who were fifth-seeded, will split first prize money of \$50,000. The Jordan-Smith team received \$28,000. It was the fourth championship for the 39-year-old King and first for the 31-year-old Walsh since the tournament was inaugurated in 1975.

"We were very lucky we started off well," Walsh told the spectators at the Tokyo Municipal Gymnasium.



Purcell...caught leader-footed



Wilander...consistent on clay

## Borg honored

MONTE CARLO, April 3 (Agencies) — Bjorn Borg's retirement from competitive tennis was marked by his home state of Monaco Sunday when Prince Rainier presented him with a bronze statuette.

Borg, who has lived in Monaco since 1973, is a member of the Monte Carlo Country Club where the Open tournament was played. He has won the event three times during his remarkable career.

Accompanied by his daughters, Princess Caroline and Princess Stephanie, Prince Rainier presented Borg with the statuette which depicts the five-time Wimbledon champion executing his famous two-handed backhand. The statuette is the work of the Monaco sculptor Marcel Sbrizozzi.

The presentation was made before the men's singles final between Mel Purcell of the U.S. and Borg's fellow-Swede Mats Wilander.

## English Soccer standings

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
O.P. Rangers	33	21	5	7	64	28	68			
Wolverhampton	34	19	9	6	58	34	66			
Fulham	33	17	8	8	56	37	59			
Leicester	34	16	6	12	61	38	54			
Leeds	33	12	15	6	43	37	51			
Oldham	34	11	16	7	50	37	49			
Sheff. Wednesday	33	12	13	8	49	38	49			
Barnsley	33	13	10	10	50	42	49			
Shrewsbury	34	13	10	11	42	42	49			
Newcastle	33	12	12	9	52	43	48			
Blackburn	34	11	10	13	44	43	43			
Grimsby	34	12	7	15	42	59	43			
Chelsea	34	10	10	14	46	50	40			
Cardiff	34	10	9	15	56	60	39			
Middlesbrough	34	9	12	13	38	61	39			
Bolton	34	10	8	16	39	49	38			

# Death mars French Grand Prix

LE MANS, April 3 (Agencies) — Freddie Spencer of the United States, winner of the season's curtain-raiser in South Africa a fortnight ago, confirmed that he is the man of the moment when he won the 500 cc race at the French Motorcycling Grand Prix here Sunday.

But the day was overshadowed by the second fatal accident on the circuit in a week. Swiss rider Michel Frutchi died after his 500 cc Honda crashed on the tenth lap of the 29-lap event. Iwao Ishakawa of Japan died after coming off his 500 cc motorcycle in unofficial practice here on Tuesday.

Frutchi was the winner of last year's French Grand Prix at Nogaro in southern France, which was boycotted by the major teams and riders because of fears about safety.

Spencer's Honda led Sunday's race from the early stages. Compatriot Kenny Roberts overtook him on his Yamaha, but Spencer remained close behind and retained the lead from the triple world champion just before the halfway stage. Roberts began to slow down, when he lost a silencer and Spencer had no more difficulty in keeping his lead.

Second and third places went to Spencer's teammates Marco Lucchinelli of Italy and Britain's Ron Haslam to give Honda a rare 1-2-3. Suzuki suffered a blow when reigning champion Franco Uncini of Italy retired. Another Suzuki rider of the U.S. also pulled out early in the race.

The 18-year-old Alan Carter of Britain achieved a surprise victory on a Yamaha in the 250 cc category, his first Grand Prix victory. Yamaha riders Jacques Cornu of Switzerland and Thierry Rautava of France took second and third places.

Stefan Dörflinger of Switzerland won the 50 cc event in a time of 36 min 35.20 sec. At the end of the 15 lap, 63.60 km race, Dörflinger, riding a Kreidler, was almost three-quarters of a minute clear of second placed Eugenio Lazzarini of Italy on a Garelli, with Hagen Klein of West Germany, third, a further 18 seconds back.

## As Spencer leads Honda sweep

Ricardo Tormo of Spain on a MBA, won the 125 cc in 45 min 25.16 sec. for the 22 lap, 93.28 km course, over 45 sec. ahead of second-placed Jean-Claude Seligni of France. Maurizio Vitali of Italy was third, and only Patrick Lagrive of France stood in the way of MBA riders filling all of the first ten places. Lagrive was tenth on his Morbidelli.

In the sidecar race, Shayne Smith and Steve Abbott of Britain were seriously injured when they crashed and spun over several times. They were taken to hospital in Le Mans.

Sydney fans clash

In Sydney, motorcycle fans hurling petrol

# Vic Preston going great guns

NAIROBI, April 3, (Agencies) — Local hero Vic Preston, Junior guiding his four-wheel drive Audi Quattro through the scorched semi-desert regions of northern Kenya, piled up a 32-minute lead Sunday in the third leg of the Safari Motor Rally.

Preston, who took the lead on the first-leg of the 5,000 km World Championship event, had a total of 162 penalty minutes after 15 stages of the 38-stage third-leg. Finland's Timo Salonen held second place in a Nissan 240RS with 194 penalty minutes and Frenchwoman Michele Mouton, in another works Audi Quattro, was third on 204.

"I haven't even hammered the car yet," said 33-year-old Preston, before setting out Saturday night on the 1,960 km third leg, which winds up the five-day Rally in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi Monday afternoon. Second-placed Salonen reported no problems with his car but said he would go steady on the last leg, which is acknowledged to be the toughest test in the annual Rallying classic.

"I'm going to have to go slowly and try to finish," said Salonen after accepting thanks from his closest rival Michele Mouton. Mouton had thanked Salonen for pulling over to let her pass on the previous leg. She, however, reported clutch problems arising from air in the hydraulic system, but was catching the Finn fast in the hope of registering an Audi one-two in the West German team's first Safari appearance.

Probably the best performance to date has come from Hannu Mikkola of Finland, driving the third Audi Quattro. After leading briefly at the start of the first leg, he lost nearly two hours with a blown head gasket in a remote mountain area. Starting the second leg in 11th position, he doggedly worked his way through the field to fifth, place on 294 penalty minutes.

More than three quarters of an hour behind Mouton came "Flying Finn" Rano Aaltonen in an Opel, followed another half-hour late by the Range Rover of Kenya's Rob Gollinge, with Mikkola next, just seven minutes away from Gollinge. Mikkola held a 22 minutes distance between himself and Finnish compatriot Ari Vatanen in the second Opel.

Vatanen, who started the stage in sixth place, lost 20 minutes after a collision with a zebra. His rear axle was damaged and the

bombs and flaming wooden torches clashed with police after the Australian Grand Prix at Bathurst, west of Sydney, and 16 police officers were injured.

A police spokesman said more than 70 people were arrested during seven hours of fighting. The spokesman said the violence was premeditated because fans had piled up bricks and rocks to use as weapons, along with the petrol bombs, torches and bottles filled with gravel and metal.

Thousands of fans covered on Bathurst for the Easter weekend Grand Prix and police had been praising their behavior until the trouble started.

The Audis looked set for a clear cut victory on their first outing in the toughest Rally. But the safari event offers so many hazards that the most careful driver can come unstuck, as five times winner Shekhar Mehta of Kenya found out when his Datsun packed up on the first stage.

While he is leader, Preston is not affected by the dust which his car's revolving wheels stir up for following competitors. Salonen reported that the dust was his major difficulty. But Preston, whose father won the event 28 years ago, could lose his advantage if rain arrives and turns the route into a mud-bath.

Preston, who had driven in four previous Safari Rallies but never won it, became the local favorite with the second-leg elimination of Shekhar Mehta.

## Brookes forges ahead in Ireland Motor Rally

BELFAST, April 3 (AFP) — Britain's Russell Brookes was the new leader in the Circuit of Ireland Motor Rally when the cars entered Killarney for the overnight halt after the second day.

His Vauxhall Chevette took first position in the event he has won twice before, after the Lancia Rally of Finland's Pentti Arikkala, spun off the road, losing him seven minutes.

Arikkala, who won the event in 1979, currently lies fourth and had been leading since Friday when top-placed Stig Blomqvist and Henri Toivonen of Sweden, were forced to retire with mechanical problems.

In second place, after 23 of the total 54 stages, is Northern Ireland driver Bertie Fisher in an Opel Ascona 400, followed by England's Terry Kaby, in a Vauxhall Chevette.

Opel team driver Jimmy McRae, the current British champion, dropped down the field when he damaged the steering on his Ascona 400, after colliding with a wall earlier this morning.

The Rally re-starts Sunday for the famous run through the mountainous ring of Kerry.

## Soviet lads make Euro grade

WARSAW, April 3 (AFP) — The Soviet Union qualified for the European Youth Football Championships in England in May although they lost 2-1 to Poland in their qualifying match at Radom Saturday.

The Soviets had won the home match 1-0 and qualified on the away goals rule with the aggregate score at 2-2. Najtkowski opened the score for Poland after 57 minutes but Shmarov got the all-important Soviet goal in the 72nd minute. Jedynak put the Poles back in front within a minute but the Soviets held out.

Meanwhile, France beat England 2-0 and the Soviet Union beat China by the same score in the Cannes Junior Tournament. France qualified for the final thanks to two goals within five minutes of each other.

A mistake by English 'keeper Williams enabled Niesner to slot one in four minutes after the restart, then Troitnikov was on the mark with a 25 meter's shot in the 54th

minute. The French, who have yet to concede a goal in the tournament, will meet Italy, Brazil or Qatar in Monday's final.

The strong Soviet side met stiffer opposition than they expected before squeezing a 2-0 victory against China. Khromei netted a quick goal for the Soviets after 18 minutes. Their second goal was kicked by Bakhtromeev after 68 minutes.

The south coast of France may host the 1985 Junior World Championships instead of Chile, Joao Havelange, president of the International Football Federation (FIFA) said here.

An application by France would be given special consideration. If it was accepted Chile would be asked to stage the tournament two years later, in 1987, he said.

The championship has previously held in Tunisia (1977), Japan (1979) and Australia (1982) and is due to be held in Mexico in June this year.

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## West German Super Cup Bayern wins via tiebreaker

BONN, April 3 (Agencies) — Bayern Munich won the West German Football Super Cup beating Hamburg via the tiebreaker Saturday.

The teams were once again locked in a 1-1 tie and the penalties had to be resorted to, with Bayern Munich coming out trumps 4-2 before a crowd of 12,000 in Hamburg. Earlier, World Cup star Rummenigge had given Bayern the lead in the 40th minute, but this lead was short-lived when Djordjevic netted the equalizer in the 63rd minute.

Cologne came back to beat VFB Stuttgart 3-2 in extra time to reach the Cup final. Cologne will play the winner of Monday's semifinal between Second Division Fortuna Cologne and Borussia Dortmund.

Stuttgart twice took the lead but Cologne came back, equalizing eight minutes from the end of normal time. Allgower opened the score for Stuttgart after 10 minutes but Engles equalized from the penalty spot in the 20th minute.

Stuttgart once again went ahead, through their French winger Six, in the 62nd minute but Hartmann struck back for Cologne in the 82nd minute with his first kick of the ball after coming on as substitute and Steiner scored the winner in the 96th minute.

Werder Bremen jumped from fourth to second place in First Division standings after downing Berlin's Herta BSC 1-0 before 20,000 fans in a hard-fought match.

## New format for Scottish Cup

GLASGOW, Scotland, April 3 (AFP) — Scottish soccer unveiled a "new-look" League Cup sporting a Wimbledon-style seedings system, aimed at creating more interest.

The formula for next season breaks with the traditional format of sectional games followed by a straight knockout involving the last eight clubs. Its announcement comes in the same week as the English Football League management committee recommended rejection of Sir Norman Chester's suggestion of seedings for the "Milk Cup" second round.

Next season, the ten Scottish Premier Division sides and top six in the Second Division will be given a priority marking from one to sixteen.

## BRIEFS

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Junichi Takahashi of Japan won the Indian Open Golf Tournament, the seventh leg of the Asian Circuit, after a three-way sudden death play-off here Sunday. After 72 holes, three golfers, Takahashi, Bob Tway of the United States and Hsieh Yu-Shu of Taiwan all finished on 285, two-under-par. In the play-off, the 34-year-old Takahashi won with a birdie on the second extra hole to collect the \$12,500 first prize, while Tway and Hsieh bogeyed the hole to share the second and third prizes.

BAD KISSINGEN, West Germany (AFP) — Victor Korchnoi of Switzerland beat Lajos Portisch of Hungary on the 56th move of the fourth game of their World Chess Championship quarterfinal match here Saturday. The game had been adjourned overnight on the 40th move. Korchnoi leads by 3.5 points to 0.5.

Bremen opened with a bang when Norbert Meier passed defender Walter Gruier to drive a solid shot into the hometown goal in the first minute of play. Bremen held on to its lead against repeated Berlin attacks, showing a surprisingly strong defense.

In other First Division action, Borussia Moenchengladbach, routed a lackluster Karlsruhe 5-0. Hans-Gunter Bruns put Moenchengladbach ahead in the 20th minute, firing in a shot from 18 meters out.

Wilfried Hannes made it 2-0 tens minutes later, and a hat-trick by Siegfried Reich, who scored in the 42st, 49th and 75th minutes completed the rout.

In Kaiserslautern the home team downed Schalke 04 2-0, with Dieter Kitzman scoring in the 58th minute, and Bruno Heebner making it 2-0 in the 77th. Kaiserslautern remains in seventh place in the standings, and Schalke 07 in 17th.

## Six-A-Side put off

By a Staff Writer  
JEDDAH, April 3 — The Six-A-Side Cricket Tournament scheduled to begin at the Jeddah Oval from April 7 has been postponed. The tournament will now be held on April 15 with the final slated for April 22.

The British Embassy and the Australian Embassy teams, meanwhile, will fight it out for the 'Ashes' at the Jeddah Oval on April 8 at 8.30 a.m. onward.

And, as at Wimbledon, the No. 1 seed will be in the top half of the draw and the No. 2 seed at the bottom — with the final arranged for March, instead of the usual November or December date.

Meanwhile, former Scottish international footballer Jim Brown is suing an opponent and his team for 30,000 pounds damages over a foul tackle which he claims ended his career and which he describes as "the worst in the game".


Brown was playing for Dunfermline Athletic in a home match against St. Johnstone in October, 1981 when John Pelosi was sent off for a tackle on him. Brown will tell an Edinburgh Court that after playing the ball, Pelosi leap at him and struck him with both feet on the right leg, at the knee.

CARDIFF (AFP) — Cardiff staged a sensational recovery to draw 32-32 with the Barbarians in their annual Rugby Union fixture at Arms Park here Saturday. The "Baa Baas", who beat Penarth 36-12 on Friday, led 32-18 with only 20 minutes to go and would have conceded defeat if the Cardiff standoff half Gareth Davies had converted his side's last try of the match.

PADUA (AFP) — The Italian National "A" Rugby Union selection beat Oxford University 21-12 in a friendly match here Saturday.

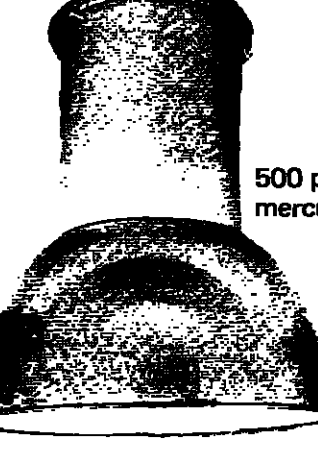
BUDAPEST (AFP) — Marcio Marin of Italy won the Sabre title at the under-20s World Fencing Championships here when he beat Poland's Janusz Olech 10-5 in the final. Andras Szeteci of Hungary took third place by defeating Felix Becker of West Germany 12-10.

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## With a fantastic second half burst

# Cougars romp into NCAA final

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, April 3 (AP) — Clyde Drexler and Akeem Olatunji led Houston on a 19-1 spree midway through the second half, and the Cougars went on to dunk Louisville 94-81 Saturday to move into the NCAA Basketball Championship game for the first time.

Houston No. 1 and 31-2 with 26-in-a-row, will meet No. 16 North Carolina State for the championship Monday night. The Wolfpack beat No. 18 Georgia 67-60 in the other semifinal game at the University of New Mexico arena.

"The team came alive in the second half," said Houston coach Guy Lewis, a loser in three previous semifinals. It was a battle of rebounds, speed and slam dunks in the second half as Houston overcame an eight-point deficit, 47-39, with 13:50 remaining.

The Cougars, who switched to a man-to-man defense in the second half, ran off 13 straight points, Michael Young starting it off with a one-handed slam dunk on a pass from Drexler. Then came Drexler with a slam dunk, and Benny Anders hit on a driving stuff.

Houston wasn't through yet. Drexler hit a double-pump slam dunk, and, by the time the surge was over, the Cougars led 70-58 with more than seven minutes remaining. What made the awesome display of high-flying offensive power even more remarkable was that the Cougars did it without 6-foot-9 Larry Micheaux, who fouled out with 13:28 remaining and the Cougars down 55-49.

Drexler finished with 21 points, as did Olatunji, a 7-foot sophomore from Lagos, Nigeria, who began playing basketball in 1979. Louisville, No. 2 which had its 16-game winning streak broken and wound up 32-3, led at halftime mainly on the outside shooting of guard Milt Wagner. They also outscored the Southwest Conference champs 26-15 in the first 20 minutes.

After 10 ties and three lead changes, the Cardinals surged to a 41-36 lead in the first half. The Metro Conference Champions decided not to attack Houston's awesome front line and got 13 of its 18 field goals from the guard position.

At the opening of the second half, Houston quickly bounced back to tie the score at

43-43 on Young's jumper. Then, Louisville began battling the Cougars inside, and pushed ahead 51-45 behind the McCray brothers, Rodney and Scooter.

But, when it came to the battle of the dunks and blocks, it was the Cougars who won out. Also contributing to the Houston attack were Young with 16 points and Anders and freshman guard Alvin Franklin with 13 apiece. Wagner paced the Cardinals with 24, followed by Lancaster Gordon with 17 and Gordon Jones with 12.

Houston previously beat Maryland, Memphis State and Villanova in the NCAA playoffs. Louisville, competing in the final four for the third time in four years and the champion in 1980, defeated Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky to reach the final four.

Meanwhile, North Carolina State, led by Dereck Whittenburg's outside shooting and Thurl Bailey's inside game, built an 18-point lead, and then withstood a Georgia comeback to advance into the final.

The 16th-ranked Wolfpack won its ninth game in a row. If North Carolina State, now 25-10, wins the championship game, it will have the most losses of any NCAA Division Basketball title winner.

The Wolfpack, winner of the Atlantic Coast Conference postseason, seemed to have the game in hand with about nine minutes remaining. They went on a 10-0 spurt as Bailey and Sidney Lowe each contributed four points for a 59-41 lead.

But Georgia, which was jittery and shooting poorly in the first half, scored 11 straight points to cut State's margin to 59-52 with 1:55 remaining. But two free throws apiece by Bailey, Whittenburg and Terry Gannon helped hold off the Bulldogs, despite three field goals in the last 1:32 by Georgia's Vern Fleming. Georgia, 24-10 and ranked 18th in the nation, was also a surprise conference tournament winner.

Whittenburg got N.C. State off to a fast start. At the outset, he hit a 22 footer and a 21 footer. But as the game progressed, the shots wouldn't fall for the Bulldogs, and N.C. State had a 33-22 advantage at halftime.

Georgia shot a cold 28 percent during the first half as Banks, a 6-6 junior who had been named the outstanding player in the East Regional final last weekend, managed to make only three of 16 shots from the field before intermission.

In the second half, the Wolfpack, winner of the West Regional, was ahead 43-29 with almost 15 minutes left. Georgia then came back with six straight points with Banks hitting four of them. But once again the rebounding of Bailey and 6-11 sophomore Cozell McQueen made the difference.

## Pryor stops Kim in third

### To maintain unbeaten run

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, April 3 (AP) — Aaron Pryor made an impressive seventh defense of his World Boxing Association light welterweight title here Saturday when he stopped South Korean challenger Sang-Hyun Kim in three rounds.

The win extended the 27-year-old Pryor's unbeaten run to 33 fights and he has now beaten 31 men inside the distance. Kim, World Boxing Council champion in 1980, looked too amateur against the deadly professionalism of the American.

The contest was completely one-way. Pryor went after his man from the bell and a series of sharp combination punches had Kim reeling.

The South Korean had a longer reach but he could not hold back the onrushing champion and he only just survived the second round. The ringside doctor examined Kim during the break but allowed the shaken challenger to continue.

However, the fight did not last much longer. Pryor connected with three thumping straight rights and a left hook that had Kim out on his feet. The referee wisely decided to intervene with the South Korean unable to defend himself. It was Kim's fourth defeat. The 28-year-old has also won 42 and drawn two.

Pryor said afterwards a re-match with former champion Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua was almost fixed for Las Vegas in July. Pryor knocked out Arguello in the 14th round at Miami last November.



VICTOR: Aaron Pryor is lifted by one of his trainers after successfully retaining the WBA light welterweight title at Atlantic City Saturday night.

Sunday's fight almost did not take place as Pryor's former manager is suing him for breach of contract and had taken out a court injunction banning the championship.

However, a court lifted the injunction Friday but ruled Pryor's purse money should be frozen until the legal proceedings were completed.

## Terrorists said holding Shergar

LONDON, April 3 (AP) — Police on both sides of the Irish border are convinced that the abducted Derby-winning racehorse Shergar is being held by terrorists. The Sunday Times reported.

The report contradicts repeated statements by the police that they have no idea what has happened to the horse. Shergar, worth millions of dollars for breeding, was taken at gunpoint from the Aga Khan's Ballyman Stud Farm at Newbridge in the Irish Republic on Feb. 8. No trace of it has been reported and a series of ransom demands turned out to be either hoaxes or unexplained mysteries.

The Sunday Times said that police in Ireland "are fairly sure" that the Aga Khan and the abductors have been negotiating. It said an intensive police undercover search for the animal has been mounted along the border, concentrated in south Armagh on the north-

ern side — a stronghold of the provisional IRA and known by the British army as "bandit country."

The Sunday Times said the police believe Shergar was abducted by the provisionals, who always need cash to buy arms. The police in British-ruled Northern Ireland and in the Republic in the south are opposed to any ransom payment but the syndicate owning Shergar might be ready to hand over cash to get the horse back, the report said.

The latest mystery about the horse took place last Friday, when a telephone caller told the Irish state radio network that if a ransom of 1.5 million Irish pounds (\$1.95 million) was not paid by Saturday morning, the head of the horse would be dumped in a Dublin Park. No head was found and a spokesman for the Aga Khan said nothing was paid. Police said they believed the call was a hoax.

## Second day's play in Test washed out

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, April 3 (AP) — There was no play on the second day of the third cricket Test match between India and the West Indies here Saturday.

Any hopes of making a start after early morning rain were ruled out when play was called off just after the scheduled tea interval because of a saturated outfield.

The West Indies would have resumed their innings at 259 for five wickets with Vivian Richards, 97 not out, within three runs of his 14th Test century in his 50th Test.

Early morning rain, along with a heavy shower just before the scheduled start, left the ground unfit for play despite efforts by the ground staff. Plans to bring in a Guyana army helicopter to help in the operations did not materialize. The match has now been reduced to four days duration and, in the good batting conditions, a draw seems the most likely result.

Indian off-spin bowler Venkatraghavan will be handicapped by a fractured left index finger for the rest of the match and is unlikely to bat, although he indicated that he will be able to bowl.

He sustained the injury Thursday while fielding. It could put him out of the game for the next 10 days and may put his place in the fourth Test starting in Bridgetown, Barbados April 15, in jeopardy.

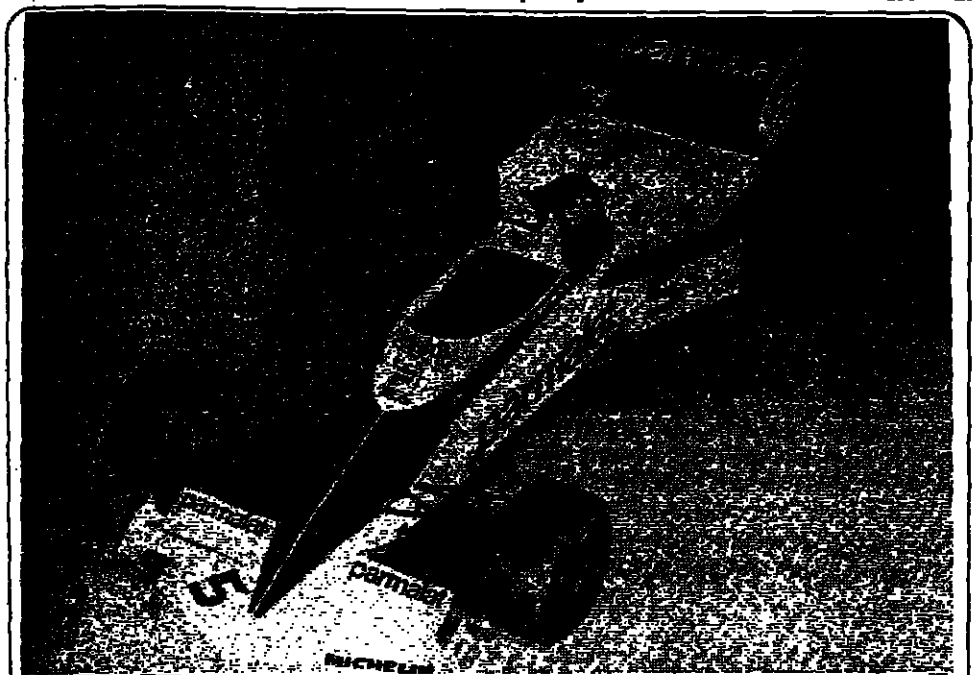
The washout was another disappointment for what was expected to be a big Saturday crowd. Rain has frequently disrupted international and international cricket in Guyana. It completely washed out two of the scheduled four days of the Indians' match against Guyana preceding the Test.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were 67 for two in reply to the young Australians' first innings total of 408 at the end of the second day of their four-day cricket match in Harare.

The visitors took their overnight total of 249 for four to 408, led by David Boon's 148. His partnership of 152 runs for the fifth-wicket with Greg Ritchie, 69, came at the right moment for the Australians were looking vulnerable at one stage with four wickets down for 117.

The Zimbabweans, who dropped important catches Friday, including Ritchie twice, were a lot sharper in the field Saturday.

The Zimbabwean innings began disastrously as opening batsman Jack Heron was out leg before wicket to Rod McCurdy with not a run on the board. But Ali Shah and Andy Pycroft restored the balance a bit, holding out for 23 and 29 respectively at the close of play.



SLEEK AND SOUND: The new sleek and sound machine is yet another product of the Brabham-BMW joint venture. The Formula One car, designated as BT 52, is the brainchild of Paul Rosche and his team of engineers. Rosche and his dedicated team buckled down in the off-season to improve on the performance of the Brabham-BMW car and in the process came up with this compact beauty. It has a brand new chassis and the layout and adjustment of the engine exhaust system is completely redesigned. The turbo charger and other auxiliary units too were worked out to conform with the new Formula One specifications in a bid to give the Brabham-BMW stable, with Nelson Piquet and Riccardo Patrese at the helm, an added advantage.

## Golf stars get set for Masters

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 3 (AP) — Golf celebrates its annual rites of spring this week, with the game looking to the fabled Masters to provide it with a dominant personality, a sense of direction.

The PGA tour, thus far in 1983, has not produced that personality. There is no clear direction to the season, no trend, no shape. There has been excitement, yes. And drama. There was Rex Caldwell's saga of second place. There was Japan-born Isao Aoki's winning, last-hole, pitch-in eagle. There was Arnold Palmer's gallant bid at Los Angeles. But no one has dominated. There is no handle to the season.

That could change this week in the 47th Masters, the first of the year's annual big four tests of golfing greatness. The Masters title, of course, is considered by the game's leading lights as an end in itself. But the man who wins over the rolling, flowered hills of the Augusta National Golf Club very well could take control of the season.

There is no clear-cut favorite in the international field of about 85. Two men, by the strength of their career credentials, however, must be accorded great consideration. They are Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson.

Nicklaus, at 43, is convinced he can continue to play a vital role in the majors, the four events around which he has built his golfing life and his matchless career record. "I feel I'm playing very well," he said. "There is no reason I can't win again," he said.

Kite, who has taken the Vardon Trophy for the tour's low stroke average the last two years, also has continued on his solid, productive path. He has won once and was second, by a shot, in another.

Norman, one of the longest hitters in golf, proved he has the game for Augusta with a fourth-place finish two years ago. He comes into the Masters with two foreign titles to his credit this year and lost a playoff in his first American start.

Miller, three times a runner-up at Augusta, won earlier this year, lost another title in a playoff and, at 35, is playing better than at any time since his glory years of the mid-1970s. "My goal is to win in the majors again, and win this year. I think I can do it," he said.

Rogers, a struggling, non-winner last season, snapped his slump with a victory in New Orleans earlier this year and has shown signs of a return to the form that made him the 1981 Player of the Year.

### NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION					MIDWEST DIVISION				
Philadelphia	W	L	Pct.	GB	San Antonio	47	27	.635	—
Boston	60	13	.822	—	Denver	40	35	.533	7½
New York	51	23	.689	9½	Kansas City	39	35	.527	8
New Jersey	46	28	.622	14½	Dallas	36	40	.474	12
Washington	38	36	.514	22½	Utah	27	48	.360	20½
	37	37	.500	23½	Houston	13	62	.173	34½
CENTRAL DIVISION					PACIFIC DIVISION				
Milwaukee	47	28	.627	—	Los Angeles	54	18	.750	—
Atlanta	40	36	.526	7½	Phoenix	46	28	.622	9
Detroit	33	41	.446	13½	Seattle	43	31	.581	12
Chicago	26	47	.356	20	Portland	42	32	.568	13
Cleveland	19	55	.257	27½	Golden State	26	48	.351	29
Indiana	18	56	.253	28	San Diego	25	55	.333	30½

## Rain disrupts play at Greensboro

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 3 (AP) — Thunderstorms and heavy day-long rain washed out Saturday's third round of the \$400,000 Greater Greensboro Golf Open and extended the tournament schedule to Monday.

Clyde Mangum, deputy commissioner for Professional Golf Association (PGA) tour operations, said the format now calls for single rounds of 18 holes Sunday and Monday.

The heavy rains made the Forest Oaks Country Club Course unplayable and third-round play was held up at noon Saturday. At that time, Americans Nick Price and Ronnie Black had completed their rounds with scores of 73 and 78, respectively. Of the 73 men who had made the cut for the final two rounds, 61 had started play.

KIKUO Arai champ  
Meanwhile, veteran Japanese pro Kikuo Arai won the 15 million yen (\$62,500) Kuzuh International Tournament Sunday after beating Hawaiian David Ishii and Japan's Teruo Sugihara in a sudden death playoff in Hirakata, Japan.

The playoff started when the three tied at 138 in the 36-hole event. After the three bogeyed the 16th, Sugihara took a bogey on the 17th and was eliminated after Arai and Ishii both parred it. Arai and Ishii went on to hit the 18th hole with birdies, and then both returned to the 16th for the third time Sunday to settle the match. Arai parred it to win the tourney, as the winner of the 1983 Pearl

Country Club Tournament in Hawaii, Ishii, had a double-bogey.

Daniel keeps ahead  
In Rancho Mirage, Calif., Beth Daniel gambled and lost on the 18th hole Saturday, but yet clung to her two-shot lead in the \$400,000 Nabisco-Dinah Shore Invitational Tournament.

She hit into the water trying to reach the green from the rough and carded a double bogey to finish with a 70 for the day and 208 total.

Daniel had shot a 69 to share the first round lead and another to lead Alcott by two strokes after the second at 130.

### Bossy sets NHL mark

NEW YORK, April 3 (AP) — Mike Bossy's power-play goal at 11:14 of the third period Saturday night sparked the New York Islanders to a 6-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins and made Bossy the first National Hockey League player to score at least 60 goals in three consecutive seasons.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Charlie Simmer scored two goals, leading Los Angeles to an 8-5 victory over the Minnesota North Stars and snapping a seven-game losing streak for the Kings.

Perry Turnbull and Rob Ramage scored four and a half minutes apart in the second period and Guy Lapointe added one goal and two assists leading the St. Louis Blues to a 4-2 victory over the Chicago Black Hawks in a keenly-contested action.

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## THE SLICK THREAT

There is panic in the Gulf countries which fear the consequences of the giant slick now continuing its remorseless advance to pollute their shores, with Iran rubbing its hands with undisguised glee at the discomfiture of its neighbors.

The news of the slick has overshadowed the ongoing war between Iraq and Iran, as it has also been politicized. Iraq wants the slick to usher in a permanent ceasefire which might lead to talks about a possible settlement. The Iranians want a temporary halt to operations to enable the damaged well to be capped. There does not seem to be a middle course until Iran relents. Since the regime there wants the war to continue indefinitely, it may not be too keen on cooperating with the neighbors to fight the grave pollution hazard that its oil is presenting. And with prices falling and demand stagnating, it will be in no hurry to do much about combating the slick.

This only shows how volatile is the situation in the Gulf, created first by the extremism of the Iranian leaders and then by the war with Iraq which they had provoked by screaming death and destruction against the regime of President Saddam Hussein.

Even if the Arab states of the Gulf succeed in neutralizing the existing slick, without Iranian cooperation, the danger will remain as long as the damaged well continues to spew oil into the sea threatening both marine life and, very soon, human life.

Iran is being tempted to exact a greater prize for agreeing to cap its well.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Israeli attacks on mosques in the occupied areas and the brutal actions of the Zionist state against Palestinians were topics of comment in the press Sunday.

*Al-Riyadh* said Israel's war against mosques in occupied Palestine is a clear proof of the Zionist entity's inveterate hatred toward Islam and Muslims. Commenting on the recent attacks on two mosques in the occupied Jaffa and Arab Jerusalem, it said: "Israel's attempts to obliterate Arab and Islamic landmarks, burn down Muslim shrines and set up Jewish settlements in the occupied Arab territory have never stopped."

The paper blamed the international community for keeping silent on these practices and urged the Muslim nation to have a unified strategy to "confront challenges of Israel and their imperialist supporters."

*Al-Yom* deplored the silence of the international public opinion toward Israel's "brutal" acts and violations of human rights and said the solution of the Palestine cause depended on the success of the recent Arab moves, particularly the current meeting between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and King Hussein of Jordan.

The paper stressed that Arab unity supported by a unified military strategy "will impose a just and durable solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict."

The paper underlined the importance of the talks and said their outcome would represent the Arab nation's stand and as such there was a need for an Arab summit to endorse the meeting's resolutions. The summit will determine the Arabs' future strategy and will end inter-Arab differences which obstruct their unity to "face enemy challenges."

(SPA)



## Pinochet's somersault curtails return of exiles

By Jackson Diehl

**SANTIAGO, Chile** — An initiative by the Chilean government to permit return of some of the country's thousands of political exiles has been curtailed by President Augusto Pinochet in a recent toughening of government rule, according to human rights leaders and diplomats here.

Pinochet raised expectations of a major political liberalization of his nine-year-old rule late last year by forming a high-level commission to study the return of exiles, one of the most debated human rights issues here in recent years. Although no official figures exist, Chile is believed to have one of the highest proportions of exiled citizens in the world.

Following a debate among the commission members and government officials, however, the initiative on exiles has been scaled back significantly, human rights groups and other sources said. Government officials have authorized the return of only 309 persons since late December, and no political leaders have been included on the list.

In addition, Pinochet dissolved the special exiles commission shortly after it delivered its report in December, and the group's recommendations were kept secret despite previous government indications that they would be released. Informed sources said the commission had recommended an end to entry restrictions on more than 500 exiles, including several leaders of centrist political parties — a plan firmly rejected by Pinochet.

The apparent reversal has disappointed government supporters who have pressed recently for an easing of repression and led to opposition charges that the widely publicized program was only a gesture to improve Chile's international image.

"It was an absolute fraud that demoralized a lot of people, because the illusion they created was of a

mass return of exiles with only a few exceptions," said Jaime Castillo, a Christian Democratic Party leader and president of the Children Human Rights Commission.

Castillo, who has become one of the best known Chilean exiles since his expulsion from the country in 1981, said in an interview in Caracas, Venezuela, that Pinochet appeared to have curtailed the exile plan in reaction to a series of anti-government demonstrations and a renewed censure of his rule by the U.N. General Assembly in December.

"He seemed to react and say, 'If these people want to bother me, I'll drop the whole matter,'" said Castillo, who is one of several leaders whom human rights groups expected to be allowed entry following private indications from official sources.

Both Chile's Catholic church-based human rights organization and the more politically based commission headed by Castillo now say the slow movement on the exile issue is part of a broader tightening of Pinochet's military rule in recent months in response to an upsurge in political opposition and public unrest. In its annual report for 1982, the commission reported that government repression had reached its highest level since 1977, when the military's campaign against supporters of the late Socialist President Salvador Allende and other government opponents was still in progress.

The number of political arrests recorded by the group last year nearly doubled from 1981, to 1,789, and cases of alleged torture increased from 61 to 100. Several political demonstrations were violently broken up by government security forces late last year. This month, Pinochet engaged in his first direct confrontation with the church authorities in six years through the expulsion of three foreign priests.

Reagan administration officials, who have sought to improve U.S. ties with the Pinochet government

and who argue that human rights conditions have improved since 1977, concluded in the 1982 human rights report to congress that "the pace of improvement has slowed in the past two years."

U.S. officials also say the administration has all but abandoned plans to certify Chile to Congress this year as having improved on specific human rights issues, a condition for the resumption of U.S. military aid suspended during the Carter administration.

Although Pinochet's government has been criticized on a range of human rights issues, the status of exiles has recently become the most politically sensitive theme.

Chile's ambassador to the United Nations said recently that political exiles numbered about 11,000 — or about one of every 1,000 Chileans. The government has consistently refused to release lists of those prohibited from entering the country, however, and independent estimates range from the 10,000 persons and 20,000 family members cited by U.S. officials to 200,000 calculated by the Chilean Human Rights Commission.

Thousands of those living abroad left the country or sought asylum in embassies as active supporters of the Allende government following the violent military coup that overthrew him in 1973. But many others were later expelled or prohibited from re-entering the country after trips abroad, including a number of leaders of Chile's centrist political parties and labor movements.

The latest such action came early last December — even as Pinochet's commission was meeting to consider the exiles issue. Opposition labor leaders Hector Cueva and Manuel Bustos and a conservative farm organization leader, Carlos Podlech, were expelled for helping to organize demonstrations prohibited by the government's ban on all political activity.

In a number of cases, citizens have learned of their exile only upon arriving at Chilean immigration stations, where inspectors check the names of every person entering the country. The inspectors use computer terminals or in printed lists as thick as a metropolitan telephone book.

For prominent government opponents, there has been no hint of flexibility. Last Friday, for example, authorities denied a request by Allende's exiled former foreign minister, Clodomiro Almeyda, to enter the country briefly for the funeral of his mother.

Government officials, who refused to be interviewed on the exile issue, have said that most of the exile abroad are Marxists, including advocates of violent opposition to the government, or politicians and will fully violated political restrictions.

Human rights advocates respond that many of those abroad are relatives of political activists as well as intellectuals, artists, journalists and professionals who were forced out because of their membership in the once-large leftist political parties.

Of those allowed to return so far, according to studies by human rights groups, as many as a third are citizens living abroad who left routinely without knowing they would not be allowed to return.

These findings and the expulsion of non-Marxist opposition leaders have disturbed even right-wing political sectors that have long supported Pinochet but have recently pressured for an easing of repression, several conservative leaders said.

Following the release of the first list of 125 persons allowed to return, one leading rightist spokesman, Jaime Guzman, summed up much of the sector's reaction when he pointedly observed that the action "must be understood as only the beginning of a process that must continue...to confront the problem of the exiles in a more all-encompassing manner. (WFP)

## Ex-FBI chief wrongly blamed for Pearl Harbor reverses

By Jerry Estill

**WASHINGTON** — Newly declassified documents defend former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover against accusations he failed to share with military intelligence agencies information that could have been viewed as a warning of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

To the contrary, they show that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. law enforcement agency, worked with the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) to concoct misleading information to filter back to Japan through a double-agent reporting to Germany.

German and Japanese interest in Pearl Harbor was obvious from the list of questions given the agent — Dusk Popov — before he came to the United States in the summer of 1941. It was through Popov that U.S. officials learned of a German technique for encoding secret material on microdots — such as the periods in a telegraph message. One of the dots he brought with him contained a list of detailed questionnaire on pilot training and Pearl Harbor defenses.

Writing in last December's edition of *The American Historical Review*, two Michigan State University professors accused Hoover of opposition to make the questions about Pearl Harbor available to President Franklin D. Roosevelt or military intelligence officers. "Apparently only a small portion

of the microdot material was seen by any American officials other than Hoover and his aides," they wrote.

However, FBI documents declassified and made public since Professors John F. Bratzel and Leslie B. Rount Jr., wrote their article show the German interest in Pearl Harbor was relayed to navy intelligence and that the FBI worked with the navy to supply Popov with bogus information to relay to his German spy masters.

It is not clear from the files when the FBI got the Popov questionnaire or how soon it was passed to navy and army intelligence. But a September 30, 1941, memo indicates it had been done some time earlier because, by then, special agent C.F. Lanman of the New York office — the man dealing directly with Popov — was pressing for some response from the military intelligence agencies.

An October 20, 1941, memo from R.G. Fletcher, an official in the FBI's domestic intelligence division, to his division chief said, "the entire questionnaire furnished Popov concerning naval matters was rephrased and discussed with ONI by Mr. Thurston." That referred to A.M. Thurston, another FBI intelligence division official.

The memo went on: "Mr. Thurston has now advised that ONI has stated that they wish the bureau to pick out one particular item from this questionnaire and request ONI to furnish information on this one particular item" for Popov to pass

to the Germans. The memo suggested a German request for "details regarding new American torpedo net defenses (at Pearl Harbor) and to what extent these are in use" be singled out for forming a bogus response for Popov to use.

Subsequent memos show Lt. M.J. Perry of ONI supplied the FBI with a 12-part response on anti-submarine nets and even photostats of purported sketches to give Popov and that these were forwarded to the FBI office in New York. Other memos show the FBI was carrying on a similar cooperative effort with the army's military intelligence division to supply Popov with selected information to respond to German queries outlined in the microdot questionnaire.

There is no indication in FBI files that Hoover mentioned questions about Pearl Harbor in a Sept. 3, 1941, letter to the White House in which he suggested the president "might be interested in the attached photographs which show one of the methods used by German espionage system in transmitting messages to its agents."

FBI spokesman Roger Young acknowledged Thursday that the letter to Roosevelt's secretary seemed aimed more at impressing the president with an FBI coup in discovering the microdot technique than relaying specific intelligence information.

Hoover did attach a translation of questions about air defenses and pilot training and there was

no explanation why he also did not include a translation of the Pearl Harbor questions. Jack French, head of the FBI's research division, acknowledged that the exact text of the questionnaire was not given to military intelligence officers although a paraphrased version was.

He said he could not say for sure why that was but that a common technique — still in use — is to avoid relaying the exact wording used in communications with a double-agent to lessen the chance of the agent's being exposed if the transmission fell into the hands of people sympathetic to the agency that thought it was his sole employer. Young said he told the Michigan state professors when they were researching their article that information then in the process of being declassified would "in all likelihood be pertinent." He said he was "disappointed they didn't wait." (AP)

## Maneka's challenge to Indira may not go too far

By Sumanda Datta-Ray

**CALCUTTA** — India's other Mrs. Gandhi, the prime minister's rebellious 26-year-old daughter-in-law Maneka, has hoisted the flag of a new political party to flesh out what she calls the "myth of Maneka" and challenge the prime minister's authority in the elections.

The ruling Indira Congress Party can hold on to power until next year but many Indians believe that Mrs. Gandhi will go to the hustings before her leadership is further weakened by rising prices, continuing bloodshed in Assam, the revolt of 12 million Punjab Sikhs, the hostility of four southern states which have voted in other parties and growing restiveness in the Congress rank and file.

Snap elections might allow her to cash in on the heady triumph of last month's glittering nonaligned summit in New Delhi, the earlier extravaganza of the Asian Games and the dizzying prospect of playing hostess to the British queen during November's Commonwealth conference. Polls are expected immediately afterward, and before she sets out on her global travels as head of the nonaligned movement to hobnob with leaders of the capitalist world who must be persuaded to usher in a new international economic order.

"There are many indications which, put together, show that a midterm poll is coming, and we are readying ourselves for it" according to Maneka who does not bother to conceal her skepticism about her mother-in-law's international diplomacy.

Maneka already heads a group of two MPs and seven members of three state assemblies with more than 800,000 followers. They claim to keep alive the philosophy of her controversial husband, Sanjay, who was killed in a flying accident. The opening ceremonies of her party in New Delhi will only set the formal seal on Maneka's opposition to Mrs. Gandhi who through her and her son — he was three last month — out of the house just 13 months ago.

The "myth of Maneka" leans heavily on that late

night eviction, and Maneka probably does everything she can to sustain the image of a defenseless widow and her orphan son being cruelly treated by a formidable even vindictive, mother-in-law. Even her silences are accusing. Every word of criticism the prime minister utters only damns her in the eyes of simple peasants for whom Sanjay's attractive and vivacious widow is a flesh and blood embodiment of a heroine.

This is Maneka's main weapon as she prepares to give battle to her amiable but not very effective brother-in-law Rajiv for the Amethi parliamentary constituency in Uttar Pradesh state, Originally Sanjay's seat. Rajiv won Amethi only on his dead brother's laurels. It should not be difficult to oust him.

During her campaign Maneka has promised autonomy for radio and TV which are government monopolies, jobs to young people, Muslims, Harijan untouchables and the aborigine tribes, fewer nationalized industries and more incentives for the private sector, and dual citizenship for ten million overseas Indians so that they can remit home an estimated \$one billion.

Maneka is not prepared altogether to abjure her links with her mother-in-law's party and the aura that still surrounds the Congress label. Her new flag flaunts the same colors, though, as a sign of defiance, a saffron flag of India is superimposed on vertical bands of green and white.

Though Maneka hopes to make an impact among young people, women and Muslims — the three groups that together provide the Indira Congress with about 42 percent of the total vote — no one expects her to be more than a thorn in the prime minister's side. At least not yet. (LOS)

Today is Monday, April 4, the 94th day of 1983.

There are 271 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1618 — France's Cardinal Richelieu is ordered into exile in Avignon for intrigues with Queen Mother of France, Marie de Medici.

1660 — England's King Charles II issues Declaration of Breda, promising religious tolerance.

1827 — Russia, France and Britain send note to sultan of Turkey urging truce in war with Greece.

1844 — Germany occupies Southwest Africa, Togoland and Cameroons.

1932 — American Professor C.G. King isolates vitamin "C".

1933 — U.S. Navy dirigible *Akron* falls into Atlantic Ocean off New Jersey, taking 73 lives.

1949 — North Atlantic Treaty is signed in Washington by foreign ministers of United States, Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Portugal, Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Canada for mutual assistance against aggression in North Atlantic.

1955 — Britain signs treaty with Iraq, and decides to adhere to Baghdad pact between Turkey and Iraq.

1960 — Sultan of Selangor becomes head of federation of Malaysia.

1964 — Archbishop Makarios abrogates 1960 treaty between Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, and heavy fighting occurs in northwest Cyprus.

1975 — U.S. transport plane carrying 243 Vietnamese orphans to refuge in United States crashes and burns shortly after takeoff from Saigon, and more than 100 children and at least 25 adults perish.

1976 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat announces he has canceled Soviet Navy's rights to use Egyptian ports.

1982 — Argentine government announces it has overrun last British military post in Falkland Islands.

Thought for today:

Imagination is more important than knowledge — Albert Einstein, German-born physicist (1879-1955).

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Discarded by U.S., disowned by their own people

# Amerasians' plight calls for global action

By Delmar O. Carino

MANILA (Depthnews) — They stand out in the crowd by the color of their skin, these offspring of American military presence in Asia. They are known as Amerasians, an emerging minority group born out of wedlock in a region of diverse cultural minorities, where non-Asians stick out among the multitude like the proverbial sore thumb.

In some countries like South Korea, the Amerasians are treated as social outcasts, and elsewhere in the region the general governmental and social attitude toward them ranges from ambivalence to outright neglect.

The outlook for the Amerasians in Asia looks bleak, indeed. As an American researcher said, the plight of Amerasians has reached a point where a global action program is urgently needed to provide these American half-breeds with greater social and economic security.

Recent estimates place the number of Amerasians in the Orient at more than 200,000. This number will continue to increase as long as the United States perpetuates its military presence in the region.

A leading advocate for concerted action on the part of the U.S. and Asian governments to alleviate the plight of Amerasians is Thomas Lee Darkus.

Darkus, who conducted an in-depth study of the Filipino Amerasians and the operations of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation (PSBF), is a former resident director of the Philippine chapter of the PSBF based in Angeles City. His study was published in a recent issue of the *Saint Louis University Journal* in Baguio City.

He said that the plight of the Amerasians could have been far better than it is now if only the governments of their respective countries took pains to improve their lot. Until now, he noted, no formal programs have been organized on behalf of the Amerasians. In addition to the apathetic attitude of Asian governments the Amerasians are also victims of discrimination, social scorn and ridicule.

Darkus said that in South Korea, Amerasians are treated as social outcasts. The Korean culture tends to treat half-breeds as non-Koreans. In the Philippines, the most painful problem faced by the Amerasians involves citizenship. Article III of the constitution states, among others, that citizens of the Philippines are "those whose mothers or fathers are citizens of the Philippines."

Darkus said: "In point of law then, the Filipino Amerasian is a Filipino. But Amerasians whose fathers they may never meet would only be considered as legitimate if their parents are legally married."

Moreover, the U.S. government would only consider the Filipino Amerasian's claim to U.S. citizenship if and only when his American father registered his or her birth at the U.S. embassy to legalize his responsibility as a parent.

He said that this citizenship problem is rooted in the contradicting principles of law in both the U.S. and the Philippines.

He said that the Filipino Amerasian is granted citizenship by virtue of *jus sanguinis* or that blood relationship will serve as the basis of granting citizenship. Thus, a Filipino Amerasian could be either a Filipino or an American depending on which citizenship he wants to adopt, his father's, or his mother's.

On the other hand, the U.S. constitution grants citizenship on the principle of *jus soli*, wherein the place of birth of a person determines one's citizenship. The Filipino Amerasian then in the U.S. constitutional viewpoint is a Filipino, because he was born in the Philippines.

Said Darkus: "Thus, the American parents of a child born in an American hospital, say at Clark Air Force Base, must also register their child with the U.S. embassy if they desire their child to be a U.S. citizen. In point of law then, the only safe place for an Amerasian to be born is in the U.S. Embassy."

But the legal issue of citizenship pales in comparison with the social and moral dilemmas of Amerasians. The main concern, said Darkus, is the moral imperatives of the Amerasians' problems.

The quest for a solution to the Amerasians dilemma is almost an impossible task because the problem is deeply rooted in a problem which Darkus calls as "subculture."

Referring to the mother of the Filipino Amerasian as the "waiter," and the American father as the "seeker," Darkus said that the two parents do not faithfully represent the moral norms of their respective cultures.

Darkus describes subculture as the product of the constant roles played by the waiter and the seeker in a setting wherein other people observe the same practice which has been going on for a considerable period of time.

So far, only the Pearl S. Buck Foundation



VARIED EMOTIONS: These three children belong to the largest Amerasian airlift from Vietnam in the recent past. They show sharply varied emotions as they peered at the camera after arriving in Bangkok in the last week of March on their way to the United States.

(PSBF) has initiated programs to improve the plight of the Amerasians. It is the only body that caters exclusively and specifically to the care of this group of people.

The PSBF provides free education, medical care, nutrition, clothing and counseling to Amerasians.

In the U.S., the foundation relies on direct

mail campaigns to raise funds, 85 percent of which goes into its direct child support program, while only 9.3 percent is allocated to administration.

Despite its concern for the future of the Amerasian, the foundation frowns on the practice of adopting Amerasians for three main reasons, namely:

—The children have been proven to be closely tied to their native families.

—The stated desire of the Amerasians to remain in their homes together with their neighbors of the same race.

—An abrupt and complete environmental and cultural change may prove disastrous to the children.

## Nuclear jobs go abegging in U.S. city

By Cynthia Benjamin

BURLINGTON, Iowa (AP) — The mayor of this Midwestern U.S. town says he doesn't want nuclear weapons in his backyard. A union leader would welcome the jobs. A local clergyman says economics should not overshadow the arms issue.

A study by the U.S. government on where to place a nuclear weapons assembly plant has divided residents of Burlington, where area unemployment stands at 14.6 percent.

"It bothers me that we are so callous that when the government offers this type of move, people say 'great jobs' without thinking of consequences," says Art Campney, a member of a group called Citizens for Peace which opposes moving a nuclear weapons assembly plant, operated by the U.S. government, from Amarillo, Texas, to Middletown, Iowa, about 13 kms west of this city of 30,000.

A possible move was the subject of a report issued by the government in December 1982. The study explores the environmental effects of three plans to expand America's capabilities to make nuclear weapons.

One plan calls for building new facilities at Pantex, the Texas plant which now produces the weapons. A second call for a partial or complete relocation of Pantex functions to the Iowa army ammunition plant in Middletown; the third, for moving operations to the northwestern state of Washington.

A partial relocation of operations to Middletown would mean 1,000 jobs and \$2.16

million in construction for southeast Iowa, located in the agricultural belt. A complete move would mean 2,600 jobs and \$1.5 billion in construction, according to the draft study.

"It's a pretty staggering amount of money they are talking about," said city councilman Lowell Bauer. "I see the benefits as rather great and I've heard a good deal of community support."

"We would welcome the work with open arms," said Wayne Coin, a regional business representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Membership in the local union is now about 700, down nearly 40 percent from March 1982, Coin said.

Mayor Jerry Rigdon agrees that the move would do wonders for the area's unemployment rate but he says, "I don't care if it brings 60,000 jobs or 160,000 jobs — you can't let economics enter into it."

"I am opposed to the building of nuclear weapons whether they are built in Amarillo, Texas; Richland, Washington; Moscow or Burlington, Iowa," said the 44-year-old Rigdon. "You could say I am particularly opposed to them in my backyard."

From 1947 through 1975, parts for nuclear weapons were made at the Iowa facility. At that time, the plant employed up to 10,000 persons who traveled to their jobs from distances of up to 120 kms.

The closing of that branch of the Iowa plant and more recent economic trends have deeply cut the area's job opportunities.

Burlington's largest employers produce durable goods, mostly for the ailing farm and automobile industries. In the last several years, J.I. Case, the area's biggest employer, has laid off 1,400 persons, reducing the farm implement producer's workforce in the area to about 1,300.

The local business association has not committed itself on the issue. City councilman Wayne Hogberg has said the government "has to produce these weapons somewhere" so Iowa may as well reap the benefits. But the mayor waves away this idea. "We already have enough of these weapons to not only obliterate our enemies but ourselves several times over. I find the idea of building more ludicrous," Rigdon said.

Caterpillar Inc., a manufacturer of heavy construction equipment, was expected to become the area's biggest employer after completion of a new plant. But work on the facility was halted late last year by a strike by Caterpillar employees in six states.

William Allen, a retired engineer, calls the trade-off between jobs and weapons "devastating." "The price for a few jobs seems a little bit high when we weigh it against the damage to our children," he said.

But Snyder believes residents cannot afford to dismiss the plan without careful consideration. "We have compassion for those against the plan. But the economic impact of 1,000 to 3,000 jobs — that's a bunch," he said.

### Book review

## Balanced thoughts in provocative prose

By Don K. Pierstorff

Lasting writing is as close to everlasting life as we shall ever get on this planet, and poorly written reviews do not promote prime books. Dr. Ghazi A. Algosaihi's collection of essays entitled *Arabian Essays* (London: Kegan Paul International, 1982) is described by a reviewer for a London magazine as being "generally cogent and well-argued investigations of educational or socio-political subjects." Take your pick, I guess. I read the book anyhow. I'm glad I did, for it contains lasting writing.

Warning: One must overlook Dr. Algosaihi's prefatory remarks; they are an apology unwarranted. Dr. Algosaihi says, for example, "... I enjoy the challenge of being provocative and polemical more than presenting perfectly balanced ideas." The collection of essays which follows disproves his contention. Dr. Algosaihi is provocative and he is polemical, but he is also poised — his ideas are indeed balanced. He has managed in places to balance his ideas as a humble spokesman for all Arab countries against those ideas held popularly by all too many Westerners who gleaned them from the contrived Hollywood myths still showing on late-night television, movies which star such famous "Arabs" as Rudolph Valentino and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. As a writer, Dr. Algosaihi consciously balances thoughts, and he has the rare ability to laugh at the laughable, rather than to present a sober counterweight where such a thing is not needed. He provides balance where balance is due, not balance for balance's sake. His essay "A View of Education" is balanced, for example. It is pragmatic to the thoughtful and utopian to the thoughtless. Without reducing his essay to sediment, suffice it to say that Dr. Algosaihi argues for no less than a complete recasting of the Saudi Arabian educational system. His arguments have no defense; they need no shoring up. He says, "... we cannot rely on our educational system for a supply of electricians, mechanics, surveyors or any other sort of skilled worker — and the need for these in the national development process far surpasses the need for white-collar workers or university graduates." He favors replacing a system which he says began in Egypt with one now in vogue in England.

One wishes here that he had also considered the two-year college system in the United States, which grants associate in arts degrees in just the kind of skills called for. That's my own bias showing. But one also wishes that in this essay he had discussed in some detail the attitudes of Saudi college students toward their school work. No discussions of a university system should fail to include remarks on its students' perceived commitments to their daily, routine university tasks. Interestingly, however, that is one of the strengths of Dr. Algosaihi's essays: Like Samuel Johnson before him, Dr. Algosaihi writes kind of provocative prose that causes its reader to say more than once while reading it, "What about this?" or "What about that?" One job of the philosopher is to pose problems, to present more questions than he himself can answer. There is a bit of the philosopher in Dr. Algosaihi.

There is also the administrator in Dr. Algosaihi. As everyone who reads newspapers knows, he is the minister of industry and electricity and the acting health minister. His holding such high posts is testimony to his



Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi

administrative capabilities. What is more to the point here, however, is that in his sixteen-page essay "The Minister and the Administrative Challenge," Dr. Algosaihi has managed to present lucidly a series of guidelines for anyone else in administration. The essay is valuable for two secondary reasons. First, it is the distillation of years of its author's experience in handling bureaucratic machines and their officers, the qualified and competent lower-echelons. Secondly and thankfully, the essay itself is proof that highly-placed administrators need not be fuzzy, loose-threaded, ambiguous prose writers. Here is part of an exemplary line, a line that should be carved into the edifice of every recently constructed public building: "...people's expectations increase in proportion to their surprise when they find the achievement to be less than they expected."

Dr. Algosaihi's essay on administrative challenge was not written by someone forever cloistered in a carpeted and sheltered office, surrounded by air conditions. Those of us who have had dealings with known back alley bureaucrats will find solace in knowing that Dr. Algosaihi knows them, too. Reading his essay "On Bribeocracy" will convince anyone that bribery is being watched carefully as it slowly recedes from local shores, like the slime it so closely resembles.

There is so much more to these essays, so much food for thought, so much meat here that it is difficult to know where to carve. So I will leave it to you to read the book and to enjoy its insights, inventiveness, and imagination for yourself.

I want to conclude this review with a quote from Dr. Algosaihi's essay "The New Arab World," which began life as an address to an American business group in Los Angeles, California, in 1979, and deserves to live to a ripe, honored age: "It is time to stop the frivolous attitude of explaining Islam in terms of women without souls, harems, and barbaric punishments. Most of these punishments are Biblical anyway. It is amusing to see Biblical punishments ridiculed as savage, while vague Biblical prophecies are resented as divine truths and title deeds for countries in the twentieth century." Those lines, as with much of Dr. Algosaihi's writing, contain finely balanced ideas coupled with a sense of timeliness. It is fortunate that Dr. Algosaihi is a son of Saudi Arabia.

## French book questions Yankee efficiency myth

By Marilyn Angus

PARIS (AP) — In a country where feelings about the United States range from envy and admiration to fascination and contempt, a book demystifying the American way of life has been on France's best-seller list since it appeared in early March.

*Les Americains*, by French journalist Leo Sauvage, is a 766-page book which takes on everyone from Nelson Rockefeller and Marilyn Monroe to the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Ku Klux Klan. The voluminous work, which touches on the obvious and oddest aspects of American life, is the fruit of Sauvage's 30 years as correspondent for *Le Figaro*, Paris's leading conservative daily. Sauvage's work is full of insights about a people and lifestyle that continue to baffle and delight the French.

That ice water remains America's national obsession, that college isn't free and that teenage girls dream about becoming drum majorettes are examples of the "strangeness" Sauvage sees as characteristic of Americans. *Les Americains* has earned high praise from French literary critics, and some have even compared Sauvage to Alexis de Tocqueville, a 19th century French politician and man of letters whose writings on America have become a classic.

"Sauvage is one of those Frenchmen for whom America and Americans have become both habit and delicious poison," wrote Nicole Bernheim in the daily *Le Monde*. "The book has weight because of its author's vast experience, something rarely found in books on America."

Subtitled "Investigation into a Myth," the book avoids sweeping statements and meaningless generalizations. Sauvage, like most European intellectuals who thrive on paradox, lets the facts and figures or more than 800 vignettes speak for themselves.

Along the way he entertains his French readers with the story about how New Yorkers in 1968 crowded onto Wall Street during the noon hour in hopes of a glimpse of Francine Gottfried, a 23-year-old girl punch operator with a 43-inch (437 cm) bust, the story about how in 1953 national guardsmen broke up a Mormon community in Arizona, about how French descendants in New

Orleans were big contributors to the racist group, Ku Klux Klan, and about how the sister of a one-time American president can be a faith healer.

For Sauvage, America is the land of smiling cheerleaders, hamburgers and cars. But to the French journalist it is also the land of union corruption, factory recalls, unmarked bus routes, and dangerous subway systems.

"The myth of Yankee efficiency crumbles under the weight of Sauvage's pen," wrote Gilles Lambert in *Le Figaro*, referring to a chapter on engineering disasters that mentioned the 1978 collapse of the Hartford, Connecticut, Civic Center and the 1981 collapse of a hotel walkway in Kansas City, Missouri.

French critics familiar with America also say Sauvage, a 63-year-old resident of Manhattan's upper west side, is sometimes off the mark. "His background as a leftist militant caused him to completely misunderstand the American Civil Liberties Union," *Le Monde* wrote in referring to Sauvage's emphasis on the ACLU's defense of American Nazis and the Klan.

While many French readers have criticized Sauvage for his "lack of indulgence" for the people he claims to love, others have been shocked by the book's emphasis on money, a subject which is considered taboo among the French. But the author who calls the American author Mark Twain his inspiration tells his readers that the truth about money in the United States is that "the dollar provides a measuring stick which is applied to everything and everyone — beauty, health, intelligence, scientific merit, and even patriotism."

The book cites television newscaster Barbara Walters' \$5 million contract, the comparison of figures and smiles to a "million dollars" and the American fascination with rags-to-riches success stories.

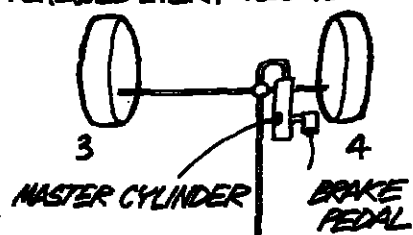
"Americans come out as corrupt, and when you finish, you wonder why people even want to live there at all," said Bernard Eli, a 38-year-old economist and civil servant. "The book is an eye-opener for Europeans, and what they'll see is quite frightening. It seems as if anything can be bought there."

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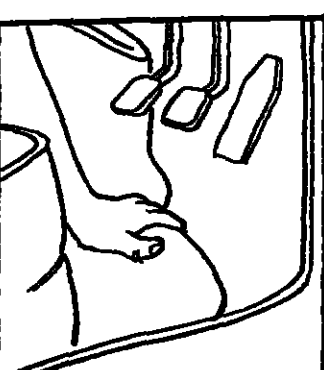
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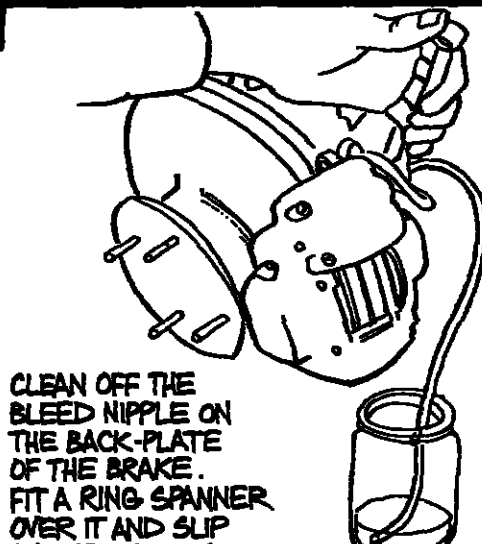
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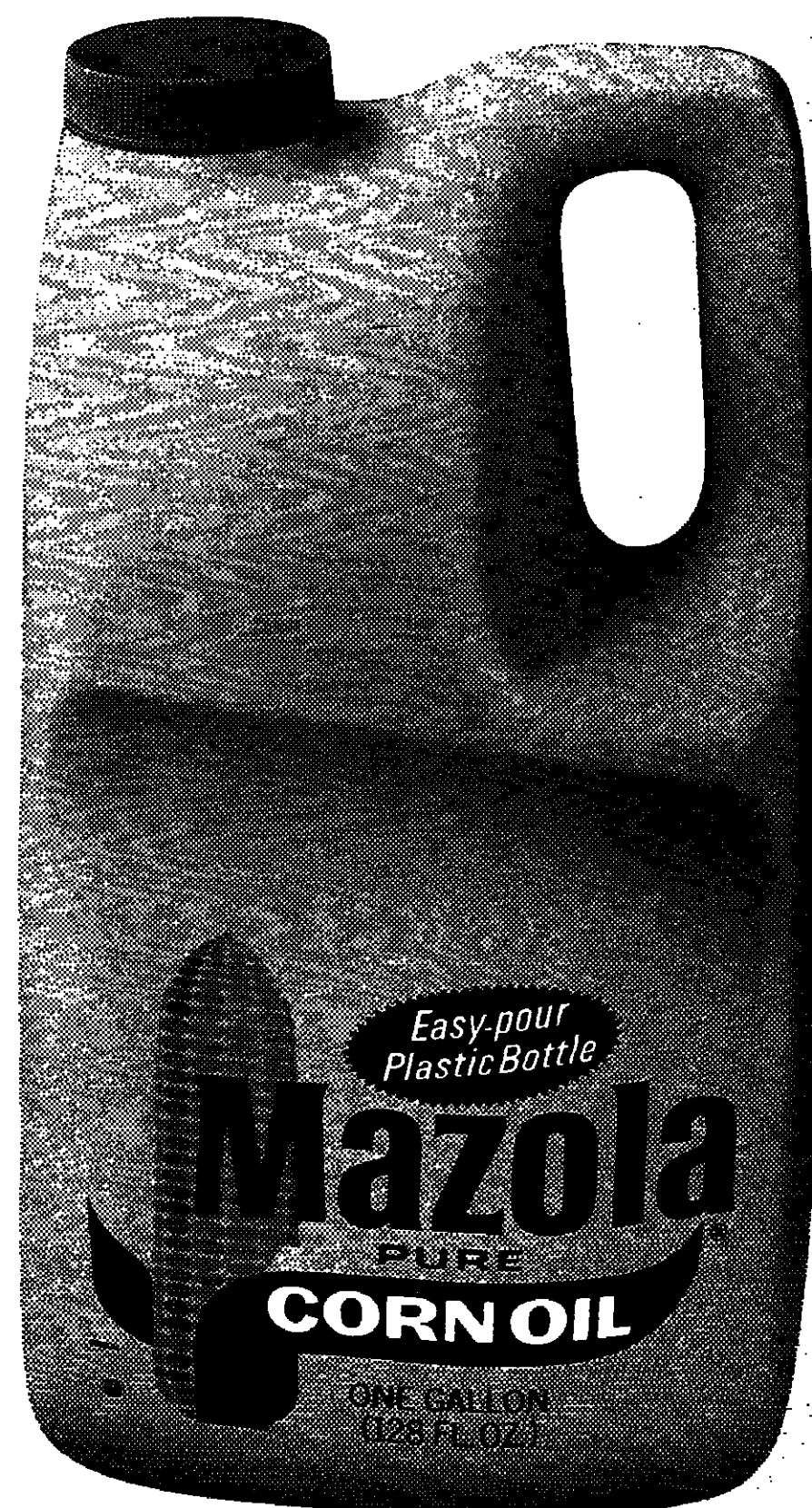
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## EMS emerges strong, unscathed from crisis

LONDON, April 3 (AFP) — The European Monetary System (EMS) has come out of its most recent crisis intact and surprisingly strong — and many observers are convinced that there is a good deal more life in it yet, despite periodic predictions of its demise.

### Bonn on road to recovery

BONN, April 3 (AFP) — The outlook for the West German economy is getting brighter, the Economy Ministry has written in its monthly report, adding that a "growing number of indices" indicate that the worst of the economic recession is past.

But the ministry recalled that unemployment in February grew by 48,000 to total the record post World War II figure of 2.54 million on an unadjusted basis. However, firms are expected to begin taking on labor, the report added.

Commenting on a poll of business leaders by the Munich IFO Institute, the ministry said that business morale had improved markedly compared with a particularly low point six months ago.

The ministry also noted a sharp improvement in orders for manufactured industrial goods since November, with a 6.5 percent improvement in January compared with December. In the sectors of consumer goods and capital equipment, demand has picked up both in West Germany and overseas.

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franc and others, seems to have cooled tensions within the EMS — which is a bloc of eight EEC currencies (not sterling or the Greek drachma) that float jointly as a bloc against the U.S. dollar and many other currencies, but must keep their values against each other within narrow limits.

The currency realignments within the EMS have basically made up for differences in inflation rates and current-account performances, and foreign currency trading has been basically calm this past week. Traders see no reason for a new crisis any time soon, although many believe that the continuing high French inflation rate (compared to its major trading partners) may force another franc devaluation within the European System before the end of this year.

While the EMS has not been an unqualified success — and such a success was never anticipated — it has had the great advantage of keeping member currencies in line with each other except at periodic crisis periods, thus smoothing out the foreign exchange irregularities that are so upsetting to business working in the export sector. Exports are, of course, a major factor in most EEC economies.

Observers also believe that the existence of such a currency system has effectively furthered convergence of economic policies more rapidly than would otherwise have occurred, although much remains to be done in this field, as is proven by the periodic crises that have shaken the alignment.

A very important accomplishment of the EMS is that it has helped prevent European countries from resorting to the kind of protectionist policies and competitive devaluations that helped prolong the great depression.

## Pakistan to cultivate saffron

ISLAMABAD, April 3 (AFP) — Pakistan is planning large-scale production of saffron, a highly expensive flavoring plant, in Baluchistan province, government officials have said here.

The country's Agriculture Research Council has supplied some 100,000 corms of the Spanish-origin fragrant flower for cultivation in Baluchistan following successful experiments.

These come are believed to produce a better yield than the Iranian and Dutch varieties which were successfully tried last year. Saffron costs one dollar per gram locally. At

present, it is imported from various countries. Local production will cut prices and provide Pakistan with valuable foreign exchange.

The officials said that the experimental production of the orange-coloring saffron yielded a quality as good as that obtained from the Indian controlled part of Kashmir.

The areas selected for the saffron production include Pashkaram, Mastung and Sarab near Quetta. Pakistan hopes to harvest two to 2.5 kilograms (4.4 to 5.5 pounds) of dried saffron per acre over the next two to three years. In Soviet Azerbaijan, farmers obtain a yield of about eight kilos per hectare.



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## To furnish \$31b by Nov. 30 IMF funding deadline set

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP) — Member governments of the International Monetary Fund, including the United States, have approved a Nov. 30 deadline for the governments to furnish \$31 billion for help to countries in financial trouble, the fund has announced.

The U.S. share, about \$8.4 billion, needs the approval of Congress. Reagan administration leaders have urged Congress to act, but there is a strong feeling among members that they should only do so if they can also make some stiffer rules to prevent loans by banks that countries will have trouble repaying.

Some congressional critics have argued that banks will have to agree to take some losses before Congress will approve.

A fund spokesman said the required 85 percent approval had been reached in votes received by cable from the 146 member governments. He declined to say how the governments voted, but since the U.S. share is 19.52 percent its vote must have been included as affirmative.

Voting strength varies in accordance with each member's contribution, with the United States leading the list. The Nov. 30 deadline was set so that the money will be available for lending before the end of this year. "This represents a considerable acceleration of the normal timetable..." the fund's announcement said. Normally the job would be completed two years later.

On Friday, Republican Congressman Jerry Lewis of California said the Communist government of Romania and some unidentified

African countries will be unable to meet their obligations.

"The sooner the bankers are in a position where they have to at least begin to consider setting aside some of their profits to write off those loans, the sooner their boards of directors are going to reconsider those past policies, which in the long run could be disastrous for us," he said.

## France too seeks a slice in China's nuclear cake

PARIS, April 3 (AFP) — A visit here next week by Chinese External Economics Relations Minister Chen Muhua is expected to give France an opportunity to challenge Britain's lead in participation in a Chinese nuclear power station which will provide power to Hong Kong.

The Chinese minister will be in Paris from Tuesday April 6 to Wednesday April 13, and the French External Trade Ministry said the visit came "at an important moment in trade relations between the two countries."

France's desire to strengthen bilateral cooperation is clear from the fact that Mrs. Chen will meet Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, and six other ministers as well as leaders of the business world.

The French Socialist President Francois Mitterrand is also due to visit China early in May. In 1982, bilateral trade grew by 20 percent. Imports by France rose by 3.9 percent to total 2.8 billion francs (about \$400 million) while exports rose by 52.3 percent to 2.2 billion of francs. This meant that France recorded a deficit of 596 million francs (about \$85 million), or half the 1981 deficit of 1.2 billion francs.

The program for the visit includes meetings with the following ministers: external trade — Edith Cresson, telecommunications — Louis Mexandeau, economy — Jacques Delors, external relations — Claude Cheysson, transport — Charles Fiterman, industry

— Laurent Fabius, and agriculture — Michel Rocard.

The most important issue concerns China's plans to build a two-stage nuclear power station in Canton Province by 1990. It will be the first time that such a station will have been designed abroad, and the project will be worth about \$5 billion.

Peking is involved in serious negotiations with France. But also with Britain, where Mrs. Chen this week spent several days. A draft agreement between Britain and China was signed on March 26. The power station is due to supply a large part of its output to Hong Kong, some 70 kms (about 40 miles) away.

But French sources said several problems remained concerning the size of Hong Kong's participation. Britain has sounded France out about the possibility of proposing a joint project, but France prefers a wholly French package, with the French Framatome firm handling the nuclear element, and Alstom handling the traditional part of the contract, the sources said.

The British authorities want the British General Electric (GEC) turbine company to link up with Framatome in the project. Meanwhile, the American Westinghouse firm, which could have linked up with GEC, now seems to be out of the running.

Informed French circles do not rule out the possibility of a compromise with Britain.

## Asian plans seen tailored to suit the elite

JAKARTA, April 3 (Depthnews) — Are development plans being worked by a majority of Asian developing nations mainly for the elite of their respective societies?

The question is posed by Dean Dioscoro L. Umali of the Philippines who is recognized as one of the region's experts on rural development. He is senior adviser to the Food and Agriculture Organization director general.

He claims that most of the development plans are not subjected to a social audit. Hence, it is difficult to ascertain whether such plans are benefiting a majority of the people or only a few who are already rich and influential.

Dean Umali explains that development programs are usually evaluated from the economic and technical angles. Economic auditing has become institutionalized as a method of measuring success of a plan.

He contends that such a system of evaluation is not enough and should include a social audit which must seek answers to three questions — who is participating? Who is deciding? Who is benefiting? The expert claims that without such a social audit, the rural poor will remain at a disadvantage in the implementation of development programs. He also criticizes the regional press for not writing enough about rural poverty. He says the press should incorporate social audit in its writeups so that it can function more effectively in exposing

poverty.

He points out that many rural development programs are located in areas with potential with only a very few in the impoverished localities. He cites the Green Revolution as an example. As implemented in the region during the 1970s, it gave more attention to the better-off farmers who could afford the fertilizer, high-yielding seeds, pesticides and equipment needed to boost food production.

The region's marginal farmers or the rural poor were often bypassed by the Green Revolution, according to Dean Umali. He says that such a thrust is wrong since areas of scant potential where poverty is found need the utmost attention of any development program. He says that the second Green Revolution must address itself to the rural poor.

The expert calls attention to a direct correlation between poverty and the malnourishment of rural dwellers. He explains that the marginal farmer must work long hours in order to increase his income. Yet his condition of malnourishment saps his capacity to work. As a result, malnutrition aggravates the poverty that causes it.

Thus a bizarre paradox is found in many of Asia's developing nations: It is the people who till the land who are malnourished. It is the hungry who are feeding the well nourished, Dean Umali points out. In many of the developing countries, access to productive resources — land, water, credit, required inputs and others — is controlled by the elites.

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## Seeks OPEC accord revision

## Baghdad report urges Lagos to hike oil price

MANAMA, April 3 (Agencies) — The official Iraqi News Agency demanded Friday that Nigeria increase the price of its crude oil to at least \$31 per barrel, in order to stop what the agency described as a decline in customer liftings of heavier Arabian Gulf crudes.

The agency, in a report from Vienna quoting informed petroleum sources, said OPEC's three-week-old agreement on allowing Nigeria to sell its oil at \$30 per barrel "was no longer suitable under current market conditions." The agency said the OPEC London agreement, which narrowly averted a price war among the oil cartel's 13 member states, has led to "an increase in demand on (North African) light oils and a flight from heavy (Arabian) crudes."

The agency said the only means of correcting the situation would be "increasing the quality (price) differential from \$1 per barrel to at least \$2.50" over the OPEC market price of \$29 per barrel.

It said Nigeria had increased its production since the London agreement from 700,000 barrels per day to its full OPEC quota of 1.3 million barrels per day. Production figures for the Gulf Arab producers were not given, but the report said OPEC's actual overall share on the market rose to 15 million barrels per day during March, as compared to 14.7

million barrels per day in February.

The price differential question has been one of OPEC's thorniest disputes in recent years. Nigeria was allowed however to narrow the margin to a mere \$1 per barrel as a means of preventing a discount competition, particularly with its non-OPEC North Sea competitors, that would further push down prices.

The oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, Mana Said Oteiba, has said that his four-member market monitoring committee would be meeting April 14 to reconsider the market situation. The other members of the committee, which has customarily tackled the price differential issue, are the oil ministers of Venezuela, Algeria and Indonesia.

In Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba Sunday welcomed Nigeria's decision not to change its oil prices despite a proposed cut in the price of competing British North Sea crude. In a statement to the official Emirates News Agency, Oteiba also said Britain's limited price cut of between 50 and 75 cents last Wednesday was a wise step that would help stabilize the oil market.

Oteiba said he hoped no oil producer, inside or outside OPEC, would resort to unilateral price cuts. Kuwait has also welcomed the British and Nigerian moves.

## As Chinese cut aid

## Burma Reds trade in opium

By Mia Thu

RANGOON, April 3 (Depthnews) — Burma's pro-Peking Communist Party is now engaged in the opium trade as a result of a drastic cut in assistance from China. This claim was indirectly made by the government during a mass demonstration held in Taunggyi, capital of Shan state.

An estimated 40,000 persons from nine towns in the state gathered in the capital to attend a government-sponsored rally which denounced the "traitorous foreign lackeys, the pro-Peking Burmese Communist rebels, and other insurgents" who have taken up narcotics production and distribution on a large scale. A battery of government speakers told the rally, attended the Home and Religious Affairs Minister Bo Ni, who is also chairman of the National Drug Abuse Control Committee, that the various guerrilla groups in the country are now engaged in drug trafficking.

Latest guerrilla group to engage in the drug racket is the Burmese Communist Party, the speakers said. They said the Communists were cultivating the poppy plant in the remote border regions "to support their existence and to buy arms." The government spokesman said that by this action, the guerrillas have proven themselves as "enemies of the people" since the Rangoon government is

presently carrying out an extensive campaign to wipe out the drug menace in the country with the aid of the United Nations and the United States.

The speakers said Burmese Communists now receive "reduced aid" from the outside and is therefore badly in need of logistics. The speakers did not name the country from which the local Communists receive assistance. The guerrillas have also set up refineries deep in the jungles in areas near the borders of other countries. The heroin produced is distributed inside and outside the country, according to the government men.

Aside from the guerrillas, the rally also denounced the "smugglers, black-market dealers, illegal immigrants, foreigners, and certain corrupt local and state officials" for giving the government a hard time in eradicating the drug racket. Illegal immigrants, who have been able to buy citizenship papers in Shan and Kachin states, were singled out by the speakers as instrumental in promoting the drug trade in the country.

Guerrillas operating in the more remote countryside of Burma are reported to be forcing villagers to cultivate the poppy plant and become addicted to opium, the speakers said. Government records show there were 38,000 registered drug addicts in Burma as of March last year.

Despite yawning deficit  
Egypt food subsidy will stay

By Liz Thurgood

CAIRO, April 3 (LOS) — Suggestions that Egypt, hit by falling oil prices and a yawning trade deficit, might dismantle its generous food subsidy program, have been ruled out for political reasons. Instead, government spending is to be trimmed and exports boosted in what observers describe as a vain attempt to balance the books.

After a special weekend cabinet meeting called to discuss Egypt's deteriorating economic position, Planning Minister Kamal Al-Ganzouri denied that the government was planning to raise the prices of seven subsidized commodities including bread, meat, cooking oil and wheat flour. Final economic plans are not expected to be announced until President Hosni Mubarak completes his current East Asian tour.

The minister's reassurances came less than two weeks after Egypt felt bound to follow OPEC by knocking \$3 a barrel off the price of its crude oil. The move is expected to widen the annual trade deficit to \$5 billion. In addition to falling oil prices, Egypt's economy has been hurt by the world recession in general and the failure of its three remaining top foreign currency earners to pick up. Tourism, Suez Canal revenues and remittances from workers abroad have all fallen short of budgetary forecasts in the current fiscal year.

Economists describe the subsidy program, which is reckoned to cost the treasury some \$2.4 billion annually, as the hidden sickness of Egypt's economy. Set up shortly after the 1952 revolution, the program was dramatically expanded in the mid-1970s when oil price increases started to feed into world agricultural prices. The result is a complicated system of price controls and artificially low wages. A removal of bread subsidies, for example, would lead to demands for salary

raises which in turn would make local goods more expensive to produce. "Any tampering with subsidies needs strong leadership and a government with a popular base," said a Western diplomat. "Egypt has neither."

Petrol and energy (for industry) are also heavily subsidized — in some cases to one-twentieth of international prices. President Mubarak's failure to tackle food subsidies surprises few. Although he has succeeded in narrowing dangerously overblown economic expectations during his 18-month term, his cabinet is still staffed by many ministers who remember the riots that swept Cairo when Mubarak's predecessor Anwar Sadat tried to raise price in January 1977.

During the intervening years, subsidies have been extended to curvy political favor. Despite plans to streamline the system with ration cards and to bypass the affluent middle-classes who can afford to buy on the open market, the number of government-owned cooperatives has steadily increased, with new stores set up in government offices and state industry.

Although Al-Ganzouri did not elaborate on the government's latest drive to balance its books, observers believe that Mubarak will seek to cut costs by paring the severely over-manned government bureaucracy.

Egypt, which is not a member of OPEC, exports a third of its daily oil production of 630,000 barrels, but given soaring local demand for petroleum products, it is hard to see where any immediate surplus for increased exports is to be found. The local motorist is encouraged by subsidies that enable him to buy petrol at the equivalent of 53 cents per U.S. gallon.

More optimistically, the government made a string of new oil discoveries last year which officials hope will raise production to one million barrels a day by 1985.

## Belfast probes De Lorean swindle

LONDON, April 3 (AP) — Police in Northern Ireland are investigating the disappearance of \$17.5 million from the collapsed auto-building company of John Z. De Lorean, *The Sunday Times* reported.

A spokesman at the Royal Ulster Constabulary headquarters in Belfast declined to confirm or deny the front-page report. But he told the Associated Press: "Our inquiries in this company's finances are continuing, but not in any particular field at this moment."

The paper said the police investigation, in which U.S. tax authorities are cooperating, also is checking the business deals of British auto designer Colin Chapman, whose Lotus Company was hired to carry out engineering research for De Lorean's gull-winged sports car. Chapman died of a heart attack Dec. 16 in England.

The De Lorean Motor Company, headed by the American auto industry maverick, was set up in Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital, in 1978. The British government pumped \$120 million into the enterprise before it crashed last year, owing an estimated \$60

million. De Lorean, a former General Motors vice president, was arrested in Los Angeles on charges of conspiring to smuggle cocaine worth \$240 million in a scheme apparently aimed at saving his company.

*The Sunday Times* said the missing money police are now seeking to trace is part of a funding package put together by the government to develop De Lorean's much-vaunted sports car. The paper said police were called in to locate the missing money by the receivers sorting out the car company's bankruptcy. *The Sunday Times* reported that Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior was told of the missing money last November in a confidential letter from the receivers, Cork Gully.

The paper quoted the letter as saying: "It is possible that the research partnership money went to De Lorean or some other party and in addition De Lorean Motor Co. was milked for his (De Lorean's) benefit." It said much of the money was originally earmarked for Chapman's British-based Lotus Cars Company.

## As navy hijacks own ship

## U.K. seamen given strike alert

LONDON, April 3 (AP) — The British Seamen's Union Sunday ordered crews on all British vessels to stand by for a worldwide strike after the Royal Navy hijacked one of its own civilian-manned transports stranded in port by a pay dispute.

Jim Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, branded as "legalized piracy" the navy's cloak-and-dagger takeover Saturday of the converted North Sea ferry *Keren* in the northeast England port of Wallsend from a civilian crew.

A strike by the 28,000 seamen could halt some 700 British vessels around the world. That could cripple Britain's troubled merchant marine, including 22 civilian ships now

on charter to the navy. Slater said the union called a "council of war" at its London headquarters Sunday and will make a final decision on the threatened strike "within the next few days." His deputy, Roger Wilkins, said in a radio interview: "As far as we're concerned, the navy has hijacked a merchant ship. We think that's serious enough to call all British seamen around the world out on strike."

The vessel, urgently needed as a troop transport in the Falklands, had been delayed from sailing when it was caught in the pay dispute between the Nus and the Blue Star Line, hired by the defense department to operate the ship and a civilian crew.

## BRIEFS

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) — Canada has sent 34,650 tons of grain to Ethiopia to help feed thousands of drought-stricken people in the north of the country. The consignment was handed over at the Red Sea port of Assab on Friday. Switzerland has meanwhile delivered 36 tons of powdered milk.

SEATTLE (AP) — Boeing Co.'s insurers will contribute \$10 million to settle claims from the crash of an Air Florida jetliner in the Potomac River at Washington, D.C., last year, according to an insurance industry publication. *Business Insurance Journal* reported in its March 28 edition that Boeing will make a one-time payment of \$7.7 million to Air Florida Inc. for passenger claims and also will pay undesignated crew claims.

PARIS (AFP) — France has granted Vietnam food aid in flour equivalent to 7,000 tons of grain — 1,000 tons more than was granted last year, the Economics Ministry revealed here. The 1983 aid package is worth around \$1 million.

ATHENS (AFP) — The Greek Public Electricity Corporation DEI chalked up a \$7.6 million profit last year after losing nearly \$25 million the year before, Greek Energy Minister Evangelos Kouloum said here.

DETROIT (AFP) — American Motors (AMC), the United States affiliate of the French carmaker Renault, has pushed up the price of the Alliance, the U.S. version of the R-9, by \$100, AMC announced here.

## Financial Roundup

## Riyal rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 3 — The closure of the European markets over the weekend ensured that the local markets were extremely quiet. Riyal deposit rates were generally stable but some small rises were registered in the short dated funds to take the one-week deposit rate to 9 1/4-9 1/2 percent and the one-month rate to 9-9 1/4 percent levels. The Bahrain-based OBU's — offshore banking units — were hardly seen on Sunday and most of their inquiries related to getting information rates only as opposed to serious dealing.

Local bankers are now waiting to see if riyal deposit rates will continue to firm when the European markets reopen on Tuesday as the Easter holiday break will

extend into Monday for most of the major bourses. This has tended to cause rates to be quoted wider than usual and the one-year riyal deposit level is now trading at 9 1/4-9 1/2 percent from the usual 1/2 percent spread. Dealers have noticed a more marked preference for the medium-term deposits for larger amounts and the three-month rate is now quoted at 9 1/4-9 1/2 percent.

While interest rates have been going up on the interbank market, most of the larger corporations have indicated that overdraft rates have lagged behind since banks were not exactly sure if this rate trend will continue. On the local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates operated around the 3.4405-10 levels in some active dealing of mostly commercial origin.

## For nuclear weapons

## China denied U.S. technology

TOKYO, April 3 (AFP) — China has asked the United States to supply technology for production of nuclear weapons, a U.S. Republican senator revealed in an interview published here Saturday.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee, said however that the United States had declined the request and "must continue to reject it." In his interview with the leading Japanese economic journal *Nihon Keizai*, Sen. Murkowski said that U.S.-China relations had run into difficulties because of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and China's request for transfer of advanced technology.

The senator was also quoted as saying that the United States had already supplied 90-95 percent of its sophisticated technology to

China. The senator is now in Tokyo after a visit to Peking. The influential economic daily said that Sen. Murkowski's remark suggested that the rift over nuclear arms technology is one of the major stumbling blocks to better U.S.-China relations.

The paper also said that the China's request was aimed at countering Soviet moves to deploy more SS-20 intermediate-range nuclear missiles in the Far East. It added that China was also understood to have urged the United States to show faith by supplying nuclear technology which is far more sophisticated than conventional arms sold to Taiwan. The United States and China were reported to have discussed the transfer of advanced technology last February when Secretary of State George Shultz visited Peking, the paper said.

## 10,000 Filipinos facing famine

MANILA, April 3 (AFP) — Nearly 10,000 Filipino tribes people in the mountains of south Cotabato were reported threatened by famine as the edible wild roots and bamboo shoots on which they have subsisted during a continuing long drought have become depleted.

According to a team from the tabloid newspaper *Tempo*, which surveyed the drought-stricken area in the major southern island of Mindanao last week, some 3,400 hectares or over 80 percent of the 4,200 hectares planted with corn by the Bilaan and Kalagan tribes had been destroyed.

The report quoted provincial agriculture officer Domingo Nicolas as saying: "Whoever reported to Manila, that everything is normal here, is doing the Mindanao people a great injustice." The drought began last July and has also affected other areas of Mindanao, prompting calls for President Fer-

dinand Marcos to declare the region a disaster area.

The president has not done this and the Agriculture Ministry and national food authority have denied reports of extensive drought damage, although they admit expecting a yellow corn shortage in the area. The two government bodies have offered several forms of aid including crop loans and new seeds.

Provincial board member Pio Ramos told the *Tempo* team: "If (national) government help doesn't come within the next few weeks, disaster will fall on our people." Two children from the tribes have reportedly died from eating a poisonous tuber called "kayos." These roots can be treated to be made edible, but apparently only older tribesmen know the process. "Many of our young do not know of this method anymore," an old Bilaan tribesman told the reporters.

## SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Interior Ministry.	Renovations & electrical works at the Reformatory in Makkah	18/M/N	500	Apr. 9
Department of Jails	Carry out roof insulation for the jails of Abha, Khamsi Mushait & Dhahran Al-Janoob	19/M/N	200	Apr. 10
" " "	Construction of an internal fence, room, sun-shade etc. for Tabuk's jail	20/M/N	500	Apr. 11
" " "	Construction of 6 halls & 5 bath-rooms for Makkah's jail	21/M/N	500	Apr. 12

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4.	Sea Heron	Globe	Poles/Animal Feed	31.3.83
5.	Alexandrovsk	Alsbah	Bagged Barley	22.3.83
6.	France	El Hawi	Steel/Powdered Milk	28.3.83
7.	Arab Dabbor	S.C.S.A.	Tiles/Timber	1.4.83
9.	Cruzeiro Do Sul	A.A.	Bulk Wheat	30.3.83
11.	Sterling Universal	O.C.E.	Chicken/Butter/Gen.	27.3.83
12.	Golden Yenbo	El Hawi	Contra/Steel/Timber	28.3.83
14.	Tropicana	O.C.E.	Oranges	31.3.83
15.	Lucky Wave	O.C.E.	Gen./Soya Bean/Meat	26.3.83
16.	Kai Maru	Alireza	Milk Powder/Cement	31.3.83
17.	Heide	A.E.T.	Containers	1.4.83
18.	Prometheus	Roloco	Bulk Cement	27.3.83
19.	Sagr Al Damman	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	30.3.83
20.	Selma	Abdallah	Contra/Gen.	30.3.83
21.	Vivien	Alireza	Containers/Gen.	30.3.83
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23.	Northland	O.C.E.	Bagged Cement	23.3.83
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8.	Kriti Pearl	Kanoo	General	28.3.83
8.	Kriti Pearl	Kanoo	General	31.3.83
13.	Kasuga Maru	Gulf	Steel Bar	1.4.83
17.	Saudi Mohd Reza	Ori	General	30.3.83
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36.	Daisy	Kanoo	Steel/Cement	1.4.83
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36.	Bunga Sri Gading	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	31.3.83
37.	Al Jabaline	Barber	Bulk Cement	30.3.83
38.	Cairns More	Globe	Bulk Cement	30.3.83
39.	Summer Star	Gulf	Rails/St. Sheet	28.3.83

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Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Saturday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.25	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	14.22	14.03
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00	71.68
Canadian Dollar	2.81	2.81
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.85	142.43
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.50	126.71
Egyptian Pound	3.05	3.00
Emirates Dirham (100)	94.60	94.05
French Franc (100)	48.00	47.62
Greek Drachma (1,000)	39.10	41.32
Indian Rupee (100)	34.50	34.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.25	24.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	14.53
Jordanian Dinar	9.68	9.60
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.84	11.81
Libyan Lira (100)	83.25	82.94
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.65	52.31
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.65
Philippine Peso (100)	35.88	35.88
Pound Sterling	5.15	5.13
Qatari Riyal (100)	95.00	94.87
Singapore Dollar (100)	165.75	165.73
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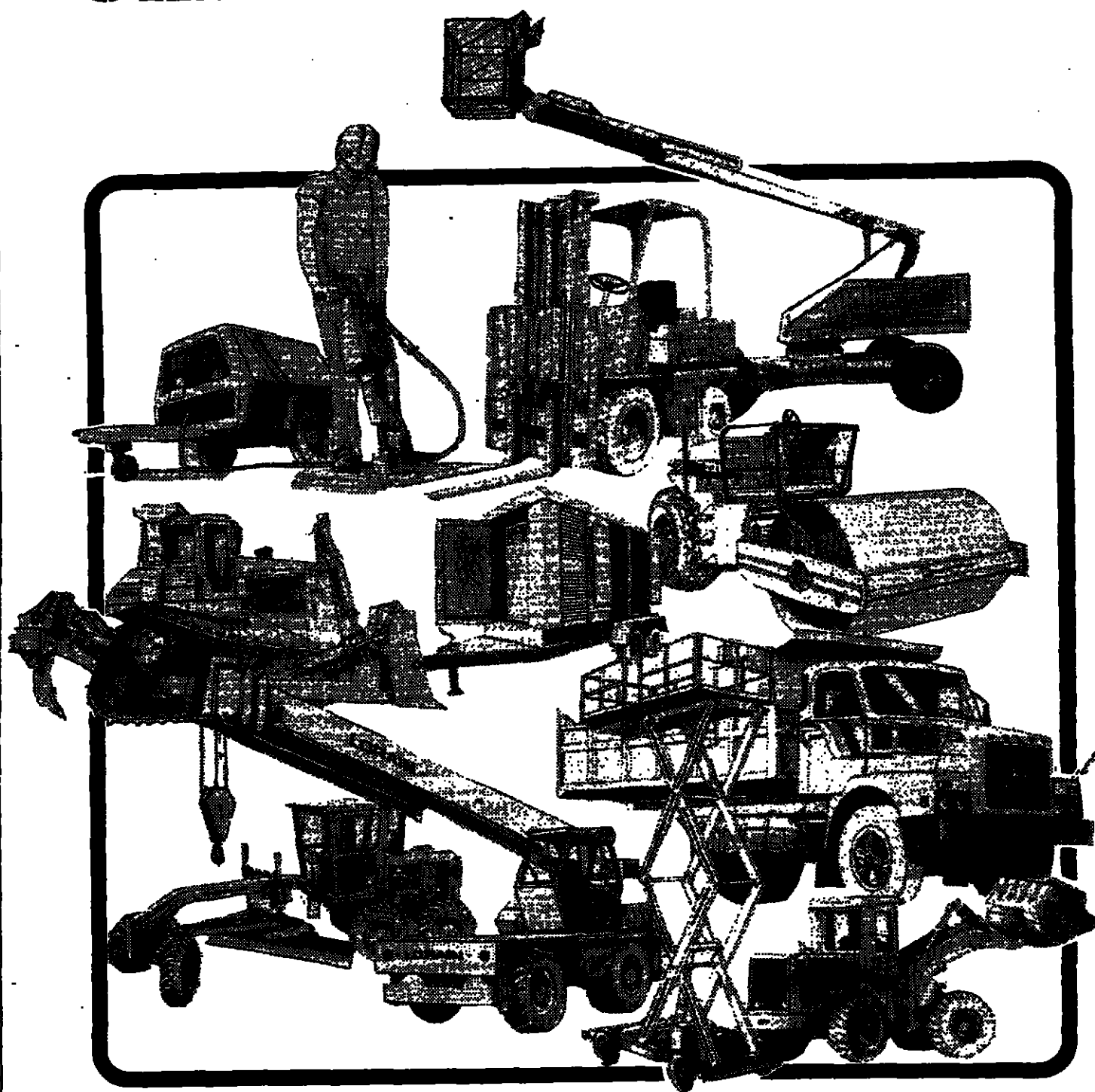
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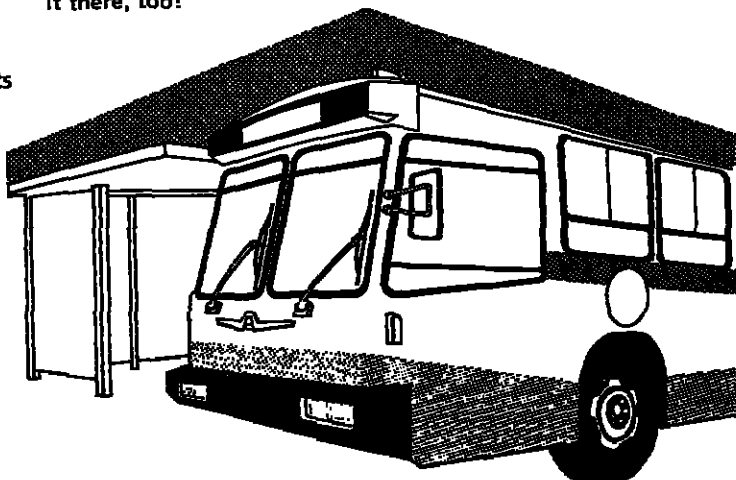
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# American case lacks conclusive smoking gun

## Study raises questions about yellow rain

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON (WP) — For the last 18 months the U.S. administration has been telling the world that the Soviets have dropped a deadly biochemical agent nicknamed "yellow rain" on resistance fighters in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan. What if the clouds of ochre dust and the toxic fungus that have been identified were both natural phenomena, locally grown and distributed by the tropical winds?

If possible, this would certainly undermine the administration's confident assertion that the Kremlin has been manufacturing "yellow rain" containing a poisonous fungus and spraying it from aircraft and helicopters in contravention of international treaties.

Such doubts may seem a little absurd after the heap of eyewitness accounts of the mysterious yellow clouds, human blood samples showing the presence of fungus poison and hundreds of scraps of vegetation dotted with yellow spots.

That circumstantial evidence cannot be dismissed. But the work of an Australian government scientist named Hugh Crone, studying the issue for the Australian Department of Defense, has raised questions about some of the U.S. State Department's evidence. He analyzed samples of "yellow rain" collected by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, with the help of the United States, and concluded that "the items were fakes." Crone said they seemed to have been deliberately made up from local pollen and fungi spores.

Other scientists have studied similar samples without raising such a provocative conclusion. In his research, Crone found among the pollen grains traces of a poisonous fungi, but nothing, he said, which could be considered harmful to humans or "militarily effective." Indeed, some of the pollen samples resembled the pollen produced by local rain forest trees.

Crone speculated that someone had collected the pollen, which had somehow become contaminated with fungi and which was then deliberately applied to leaves and pebbles. "Since the examples are obvious fakes," wrote Crone, "they convey no information at all as to the veracity ... of the reports of the chemical attacks. The reasons for their fabrication can only be guessed at: Monetary gain, desire to ingratiate oneself with authority, or as a disinformation campaign."

For no clear reason, the Australian government sat on the Crone report for six months, releasing it recently after its contents had been described in the London *Observer*. Paul O'Sullivan, a political officer at the Australian Embassy in Washington, said he was concerned that Crone's results might be taken out of context. "It's a neutral analysis," he said, "but it certainly does open the question: what do we know about the pollen?"

The State Department official responsible for "yellow rain," Gary Crocker, was reluctant to discuss the report. Even to mention it, he said, was "talking out of school." He acknowledged that "we don't fully understand it (the pollen contact of the samples) yet." Scientists at the U.S. Army's chemical systems laboratory, which has done research on yellow rain for the State Department, have been



MASK: This gas mask, according to the U.S. State Department was discovered in Afghanistan proving the use by the Soviets of deadly chemicals and toxins against freedom fighters in Afghanistan.

investigating the pollen question since last October.

The Crone findings do not prove or disprove anything. The samples he studied came from one incident on the Thai border, and do not necessarily have wider relevance. His findings are, however, politically significant. The suggestion that the samples were fakes reopens the question of whether "yellow rain" could, in fact, be a natural phenomenon, such as large quantities of pollen borne by the winds, not dumped by the Soviets or their proxies. As Sherlock Holmes might have put it: Is this a case of the wind-borne pollen that was not borne on the wind?

In fact, Holmes would have been clever enough to decline this case. Too much of the relevant information is unknown or unknowable. The debate over whether the Soviets are violating the 1925 Geneva Protocol and the 1972 Biological Weapons convention in Afghanistan and Indochina is still a political dispute, albeit one involving scientific evidence. Unfortunately, that evidence will probably never be conclusive. And there certainly is circumstantial evidence supporting the theory that the Soviets are using biochemical weapons.

The problem with the State Department's "yellow rain" case — that the toxic substance has been sprayed on dissident Hmong tribesmen in Laos, on the forces resisting the Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea, and, more recently, on the Mujahideen in Afghanistan — has always been the lack of a conclusive smoking gun.

No one has found a rocket or an empty shell used to deliver "yellow rain," nor have there been any reliable autopsies of bodies of people who have obviously been killed by "yellow rain." The only man-made exhibits so far are two Soviet gas masks from Afghanistan, which, when analyzed in American laboratories, were found to be contaminated with the poisonous ingredient of "yellow rain" known as trichothecene mycotoxin.

In the scientific community there has always been a lingering doubt about the true origins of the yellow substance because of the gap between the bold assertions by the State Department about "compelling" proof and the uncertain scientific evidence.

From the beginning, the State Department has tended to exaggerate the scientific evidence. Alexander M. Haig Jr., as secretary of state, fired the first salvo in a speech in Berlin in September 1981. "We now have physical evidence from Southeast Asia, which has been analyzed and found to contain abnormally high levels of three potent mycotoxins — poisonous substances not indigenous to the region." His "evidence," it turned out, was a single leaf and a stem.

A subsequent search of the scientific literature by R.D. Caldwell of the department of plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin revealed that the particular fungus, fusarium, which produces the mycotoxin found in the analyses had been described in Vietnam in the 1930s.

In November last year, Haig's successor at

the State Department, George Shultz, signed a more detailed 12-page special report on chemical warfare in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan that was based on additional evidence. Shultz concluded, "chemical and toxin weapons are being used today in Laos, Kampuchea and Afghanistan by the Soviet Union and its allies."

It now seems beyond dispute that the Soviets have used chemical agents in those countries — chemicals like tear gas and "mace" that can debilitate humans. The crucial political issue is whether the Soviets have strayed across the line defined by the 1925 and 1972 agreements that forbid the use of more toxic chemical and biological agents.

The U.S. government concludes that the Soviets have crossed that line. But others besides the Australians decline to go that far. The Canadian government has published more cautious findings, concluding that toxic agents "possibly mycotoxins," have been used in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand.

The State Department's collection and presentation of its evidence has always been intended to prove that the Soviets are using mycotoxins, and not to explore the possibility of disproving the counter hypothesis that the pollen and the fungi occur naturally.

Crocker of the State Department says the counter hypothesis is "just not interesting" in the face of the wealth of eyewitness accounts of yellow clouds. According to him, the Australian "yellow rain" samples on leaves and pebbles came from an incident in eastern Thailand, 10 kilometers from the Kampuchean border, on Feb. 19, 1982. The Shultz report says that on that day "a sample of contaminated vegetation was obtained following spraying by a Vietnamese aircraft. Crocker says 'yellow rain' hit six villages, and 'just about every one in the world got samples' — the Australians, the British, the French, the Canadians and the Americans."

He says that the samples do contain pollen and that the Russians have managed to use commercially collected pollen as the carrying agent for the mycotoxins. Crocker says there is evidence, albeit inconclusive, to suggest the Russians have filtered the pollen grains to a special size that is easily ingested or inhaled and then retained in the body long enough to disperse its poisons. Would a serious detective — Holmes, for instance — go so far to gather evidence suiting only one theory of the crime?

The Australians, according to the Crocker report, found only harmless traces of mycotoxins. The Americans, according to Crocker, had similar results. There was no sign of military quantities of mycotoxins. The French and British have come to similar conclusions, an official said.

A Canadian team was able to do its own epidemiological study in the village soon after the attack. It found an "uncommon level of illness" among some of the villagers. Coughing, headache, dizziness, loss of appetite, dryness in the throat, itching, and fatigue were the "most prevalent symptoms" of the 33 villagers interviewed, 21 of whom were ill, though none required major medical treatment.

The report adds, "the occurrence of contact dermatitis suggests an allergic response. The fact that all affected experienced a non-productive, dry cough ... tends to support this hypothesis." The Canadians said it was possible the allergic reactions were caused by natural pollens, but said they could draw no conclusion on the cause of the illness they observed.

Crocker says the motive for the attack is a mystery. The yellow part of the "yellow rain" was indeed pollen, but it does not seem to have been toxic to any significant degree. "This is probably the most confusing of all the stories (about yellow rain) I have seen over the years," says Crocker. "At first we thought maybe this was a spoof because we couldn't make any sense of why they (the Vietnamese, or whoever was piloting the plane) came over Thailand. Maybe the Soviets thought people would collect the pollen and it would discredit the U.S. case ... I just don't know why they used sub-lethal doses."

The Feb. 19 incident raises all sorts of questions. Was the aircraft in fact a Vietnamese aircraft, as the State Department report asserts? The Canadian report says the plane had no markings. Did the plane villagers saw actually dump the yellow dust? Could the pollen have been produced locally? Did it come in one the wind?

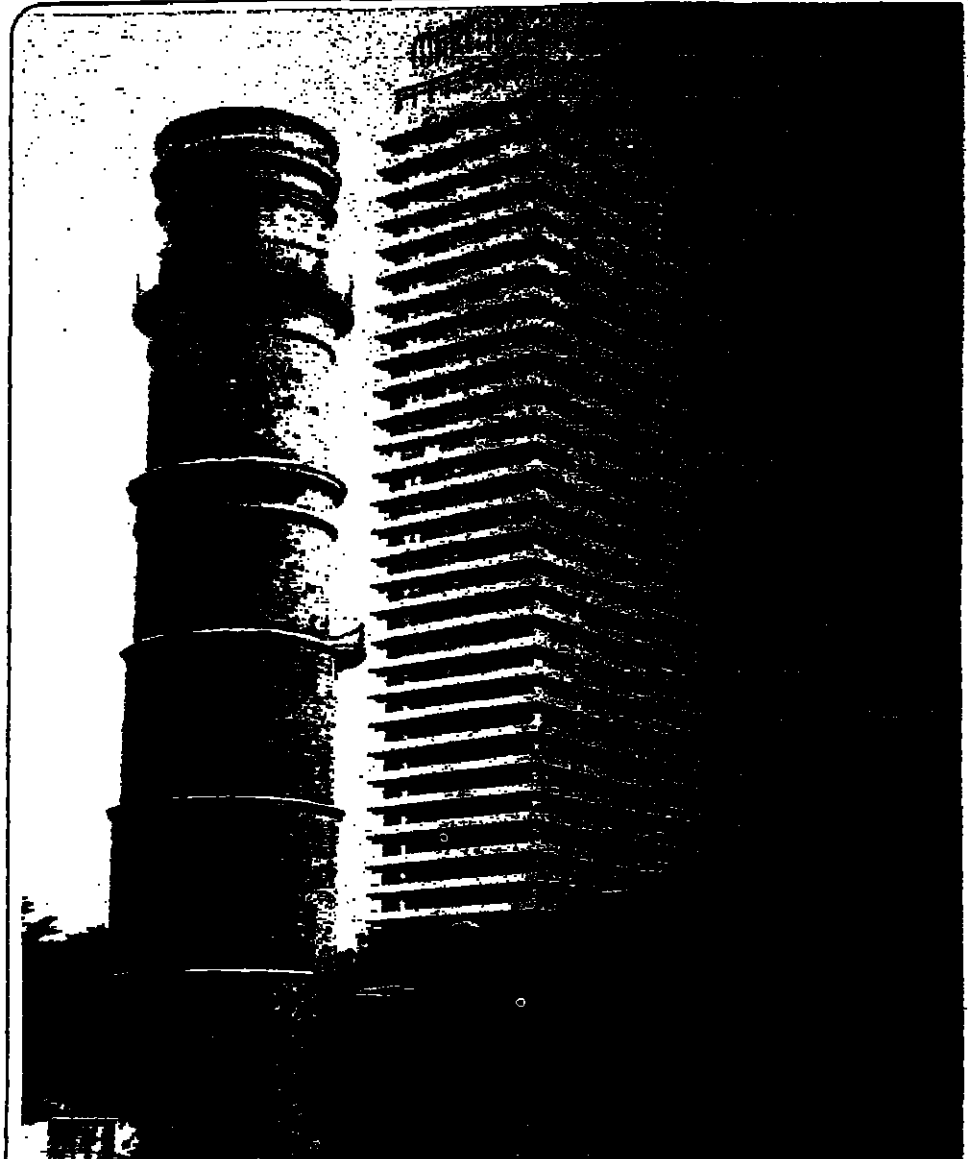
Such questions are unlikely ever to be answered. The event took place more than a year ago, memories fade, and the material evidence is no longer there. In any case, in order to postulate a natural phenomenon one has to stretch the imagination: huge quantities of pollen, suddenly released by plants or trees, forming a cloud that subsequently breaks up and deposits yellow dust on leaves and pebbles.

If this is proposed as a possible explanation for the whole "yellow rain" saga, can wind-borne pollen stick to leaves and pebbles and then attract passing wind-borne spores of fungus which then produce mycotoxins that are somehow ingested by local inhabitants of these regions? Has this happened in Laos and Kampuchea before? Is there any evidence of naturally occurring mycotoxin poisoning?

These are some of the questions raised by the Australian report. The science of pollen identification is murky. But the Australian questions seem worth pursuing, particularly if, as Crone charged, there were grounds to consider the samples from Thailand "fakes."

If the State Department decides to pursue the indigenous pollen theory of "yellow rain," it could do worse than to begin with an indigenous report.

The Australians are not the only ones to report pollen findings. Last spring a group of Thai scientists at Mahidol University analyzed yellow spot samples collected from the Thailand border eight kilometers from Kampuchea. The samples consisted of pollen of the genus *compositae*, of the daisy family, plus some "fungal elements." A mycotoxin was isolated from two of the 22 yellow spots, and the crude extract of this fungus killed experimental mice. "Therefore," concludes the Thai report, "the possible producers of trichothecene mycotoxins existing in Thailand were either in nature or mixed together with pollen or unknown sources."



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# Canton going capitalist under Hong Kong spell

By Charles Antoine de Nercis

CANTON, China (AFP) — The traveler sitting down for breakfast in Canton's new deluxe "White Swan" hotel is greeted by a smiling waiter named Wallace or waitresses called Nelly, Jenny or even Comic. And while contemplating the ferries and junks drifting lazily over the Pearl River, he can sip coffee from West German porcelain cups and butter his bread with an Italian-made knife.

The 30-story white-front hotel, built with money from neighboring Hong Kong, opened its doors last month and reflects what this southeast China city is fast becoming — a bustling metropolis more akin to the capitalist British colony than the Socialist austerity of Peking.

The transformation is stunning in this city of five-and-a-half million people where only two years ago housewives were shopping in shabby stores with half-empty shelves. The whole city seems to have turned into a giant, noisy and colorful shopping center, where private businesses flourish and open-air stalls peddle foodstuffs including delicacies beloved of the Cantonese such as snake, monkey and dog meat.

The excellent restaurants here are clean and remain open past midnight, giving rise to a nightlife rarely seen elsewhere. The quality of their menus and service contrasts sharply with the often filthy restaurants of other Chinese cities.

Such establishments show how much Canton is under the spell of Hong Kong, a commercial powerhouse over which China claims sovereignty. Ninety-eight percent of Hong Kong's population is Chinese and most of these are Cantonese — so there is a constant stream of travelers from the colony visiting relatives or friends here.

At the same time, good hotels and restaurants fit into the policies of influential Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's post-Mao regime, aimed at improving living standards. Nowhere is this more striking than in the city of Canton. Guangdong province, of which Canton is the capital, is under a special autonomous regime, heading toward reforms designed to ease the rigid system of Socialist collectivization.

Guangdong party first secretary Ren Zhongyi called at the party's recent provin-

cial congress for speedier reforms to open up the province, which would continue to lower barriers impeding investments and technology from outside. Press reports in Hong Kong indicated that Guangdong might be at the forefront of China's experiment to allow the establishment of wholly-owned foreign firms on Chinese soil, along the lines of the special economic zones created to attract foreign capital.

Still, Canton authorities periodically condemn Hong Kong's "decadent bourgeois" influences over their city, and are waging a battle against vices including Western television. Thus "fishbone" antennae for receiving Hong Kong television broadcasts were banned here last year — even if a car trip outside the city showed that such antennae still dotted the rooftops of numerous villages.

"It is hard to control the peasants," said the driver. This illustrates the pragmatic "laissez-faire" attitude toward Canton and its surrounding region, as its people catch their breath after the upheavals that have long plagued China.

Canton television periodically recreates sequences filmed during the trial of a Guangdong district leader executed at the beginning of the year for corruption and appropriating funds. The execution of Wang Zhong, 56, was held up in the media as an example. "Execute one as warning to a hundred," the headlines said, reporting Wang's profitable smuggling activities as well as the charges against him.

But though this warning was repeated for weeks on end on television, it hardly seems to have attracted much attention from the hundreds of youths to be found at all hours of the day on the bund, the quay alongside the Pearl River. Foreign-made goods — luxury watches, calculators or cigarette lighters — are the subjects of whispered bargaining, nevertheless carried out in full view of all.

In an alley where every available inch of pavement is occupied by traveling tradesmen selling clothes, cigarettes and delicacies, the passing foreigner will often find himself urged to exchange foreign currency certificates for ordinary money. The authorities do not allow the Chinese to own the certificates — used in shops and establishments mainly open only to foreigners — except in special circumstances.

# Smog is a fact of life in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY (AP) — When chilly winds blew away the smog this winter long enough to provide a spectacular view of the Mexico City, it made 5-page news.

In this city of 15 million, a few and only unusual weather can alleviate the dismal, eye-watering air conditions that make Mexico one of the world's most polluted cities. "It comes from the quantity of vehicles and numerous industries," said Marta Perez Garcia, a biology professor at the Metropolitan University here.

Asked if Mexico City has the worst air pollution of any major city in the world, Ecology and Urban Development Department spokesman Jose Nieto de Pascual replied simply and sadly: "We think so." Aggravated by Mexico City's altitude of 7,392 feet (2,253 meters) and a ring of mountains, smog is a fact of life here. A window left open overnight will usually result in a layer of grime on apartment furniture. Complaints of eye problems, scratchy throats and sinus troubles are common.

But Armando Baez, chief of the air pollution department at the National University of Mexico, said studies have yet to find a direct correlation between the air pollution here and health problems. There are, however, fewer lung and throat problems in months when the air is better.

Perez Garcia said that on the most polluted day in 1977, the air quality in Mexico city was 5.3 times worse than the maximum safety limit, as defined by the United States. On the least polluted day in 1976, contamination was twice the limit.

More recent statistics were not available, but she said it is generally agreed that the situation has not improved. She traces the origins of the problems to colonial times when the lakes that one dotted the valley began to be drained and trees cut down, speeding erosion and adding dust clouds to the air.

All agree, however, that the problem did not become serious enough to block the city's famous view of the mountains and pose a health problem until the late 1950s and 1960s, when industry developed rapidly and the population growth of Mexico City took off with an accompanying proliferation of automobiles. Humberto Bravo, director of air improvement for the ecology department, said 35 to 40 percent of Mexico's industry is located in the Valley of Mexico, most of it north of Mexico City.

An ecology study found that thermo-electrical plants and refineries in the Valley of Mexico produce about 481 million tons of sulfur dioxide daily and 34 tons of solid particles.

Bravo said another problem is that most of the 2.5 million cars in the area are not in good mechanical order. Emission control devices are not required here.

Officials at the ecology department con-

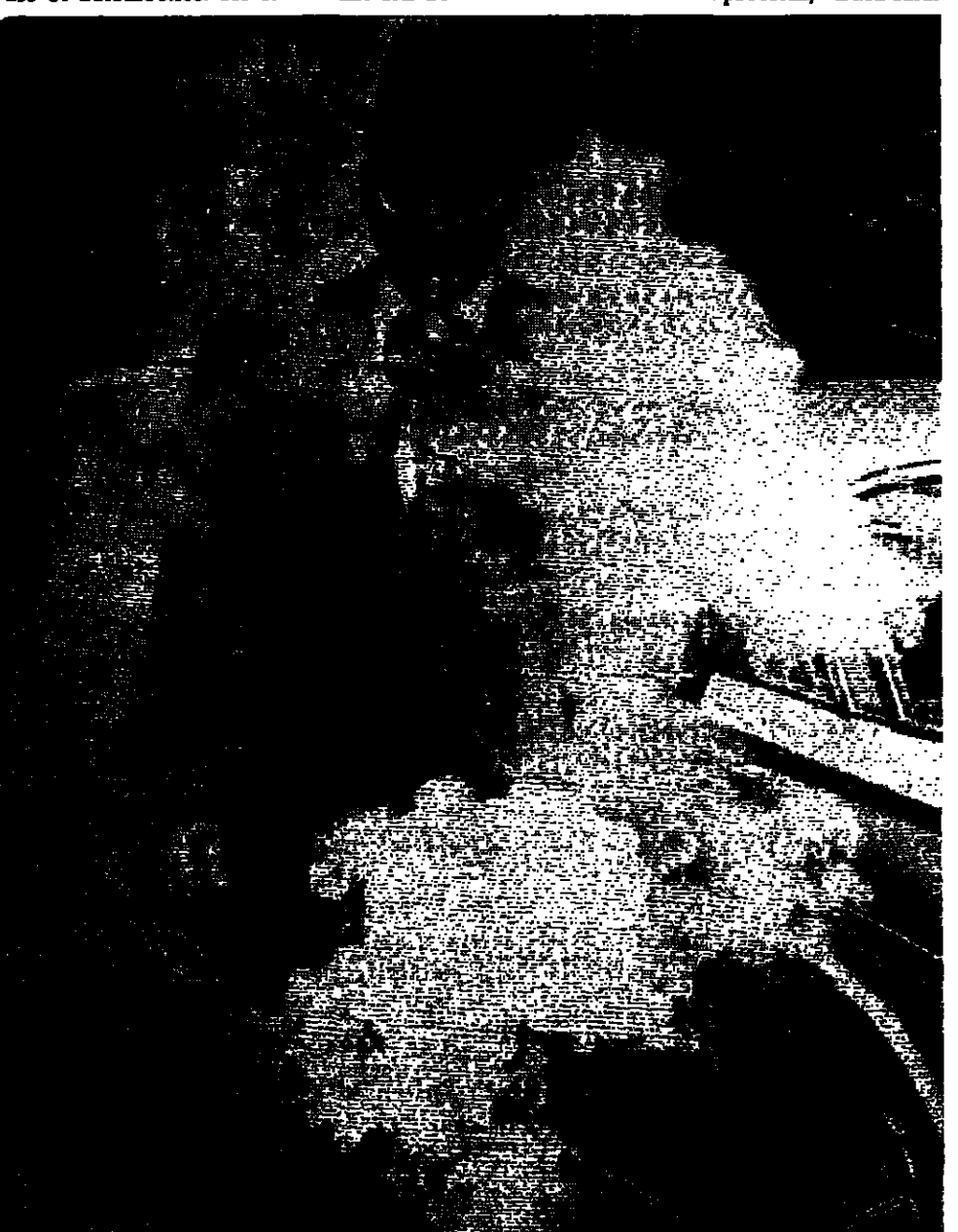
cede that even existing regulations are rarely enforced here, but Bravo said that Mexico's current serious economic recession makes it hard to impose a rapid solution. "The steps that must be taken have to be steps that do not hit industry economically," he said, adding that the new administration of President Miguel de la Madrid still is developing an ecology program.

Ecology and Urban Development Secretary Marcelo Javelly said recently that the rising price of gasoline will reduce the excessive use of automobiles. He said traffic fell 18

percent after the gasoline price doubled in December due to Mexico's financial crisis. Mexico City Mayor Ramon Aguirre has said he does not want new industry here, but past efforts to spread industrial development to other parts of Mexico have had little effect.

Aguirre also promised to install turbochargers on city buses to cut 70 percent of their acrid black smoke, one of the most visible contributors to air pollution in Mexico city.

"There are political solutions to this, it's not a scientific or technical problem," Baez said.



ONE-MAN PROTEST: Air pollution is a worldwide phenomenon. Seen here is a one-man protest by a Swiss businessman in Zurich against the government's apathy in the face of an increase in pollution. Wearing a gas mask he makes his point with smoke how life in big cities would look like if the problem is not tackled urgently.

# SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: What greater grief than to lose an apparently healthy one-year-old baby for no evident reason? A dear friend of ours lost her only son at the age of 13 months. Hasn't the cause been found? Is medical science studying this condition? What's being done? She and her husband are almost out of their minds. — Mrs. D.

Dear Mrs. D.: Only those who have directly or indirectly experienced this sorrow will understand fully what you mean. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is a mysterious killer that is responsible for most deaths in infants aged one month to one year in the United States.

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According to *Fetus*, the magazine of the University of Maryland at Baltimore: "While studies to determine the causes, effects and prevention of SIDS are mounting, including the nation's first comprehensive, coordinated research approach to the problem of SIDS which is being conducted at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Hospital, another important need is apparent: minimizing the trauma experienced by the family when sudden infant death syndrome occurs."

Although medical science has not yet discovered the cause, certain characteristics and statistics on the frequency of SIDS have been documented: SIDS cannot be predicted or prevented, even by a physician. SIDS is not the result of suffocation, aspiration, regurgitation, choking or a milk allergy. There appears to be no suffering; death apparently occurs rapidly usually during sleep. SIDS is not contagious. SIDS is not the result of child abuse or neglect.

Although today's column is not pleasant reading, parents need to know these facts about SIDS. Otherwise, parental grief is compounded. According to Doris S. Thornton, counseling coordinator for the project: "We do know that during any normal grief process, families may feel guilt and anger. Many parents have a period of disorientation in which they may have difficulty focusing their attention on what is happening. They usually do not ask for help and are not direct in telling others what they need."

Chances are there's a SIDS project in your city. Mrs. D. If not, why not have your friends write to the Maryland SIDS Information and Counseling Project, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 10 S. Pine St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

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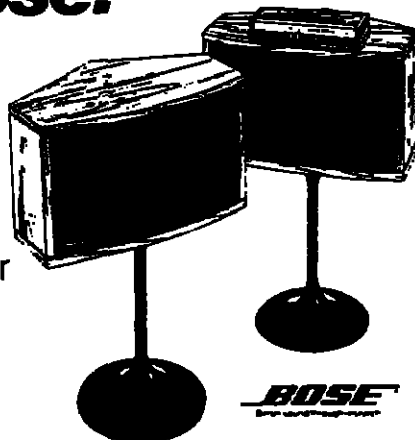


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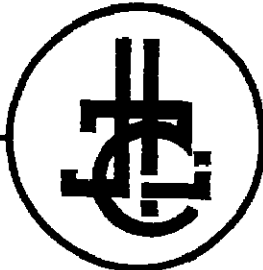
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### Retreat after resistance

## Viets try to cut off Thai road

BANGKOK, April 3 (AP) — Vietnamese forces reportedly entered Thailand for the third time in three days Sunday in an attempt to cut off a strategic road, as Vietnam's four-day anti-guerrilla offensive continued near the Thai border in western Kampuchea.

Free-lance photographer Shosuke Takeuchi quoted a military officer at the Thai frontier town of Aranyaprathet as saying Vietnamese troops crossed the border at dawn north of Phnom Chat, a Khmer Rouge guerrilla stronghold seized by Vietnamese troops on the first day of their offensive Thursday. Phnom Chat is 40 kilometers north of Aranyaprathet.

The intruding troops attempted to cut a major road used by the Thai military and international relief organizations to deliver food to Kampuchean border camps north of Aranyaprathet, the officer said.

Thai troops resisted the thrust and the Vietnamese retreated into Kampuchea after one hour, according to the report. No further details were available.

Vietnamese forces appeared to have widened their offensive to northern border areas, as reports of continued fighting and more Kampuchean wounded by shell fire reached here Sunday.

Relief Agency sources said six more wounded Kampucheans were admitted to a field hospital of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Thailand's Surin province, bringing to more than 260 the number wounded so far.

The hospital in Surin is opposite the headquarters of the Kampuchean resistance at O-Samak, popularly known as Sihanoukville, and about 120 kilometers northeast of Phnom Chat. Relief agency and military sources contacted from Bangkok said that intermittent shelling was continuing Sunday.

## 1,000 Sikhs held on blockade eve

NEW DELHI, April 3 (AFP) — More than 1,000 Sikh Akali Dal (party) members have been arrested since dawn Saturday in Punjab state in an apparent attempt to thwart the Sikh autonomy movement's planned traffic blockade Monday, reports from there said Sunday.

Legislators were also held in the massive arrests, the reports in Chandigarh, the common capital of Punjab and Haryana, said. Reports Saturday said many Akali officials managed to escape the police dragnet and went underground.

And Akali party chief Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, who has sought refuge in the Golden Temple of Amritsar, said, "whatever the price to pay, even if it means facing bullets, the Sikhs will resist." Sikh leaders have called on 100,000 volunteers to paralyze traffic in a peaceful demonstration.

Police meanwhile were bracing for violence in Punjab. Police said they would maintain law and order at all costs in the northern state. They said buses would run as usual.

around Phnom Chat.

A military officer in Aranyaprathet, 40 kilometers southwest of Phnom Chat, said 10 Vietnamese shells landed in Thailand by late afternoon Sunday, compared with more than 100 Saturday.

Khmer Rouge group leader Mit Mon came to the border south of Aranyaprathet and told reporters that 500 Khmer Rouge guerrillas had surrounded 200-300 Vietnamese at Nikom Mak Hoen, 4.5 kilometers from the Thai border, and fighting was continuing.

The fighting was confirmed by military officers in Aranyaprathet, who said shelling was occurring in the area which is near the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Phnom

Malai—a major target of last year's Vietnamese offensive.

Vietnamese forces reportedly moved further north Saturday from the captured mountain stronghold of Phnom Chat, which straddles the Thai-Cambodian border.

The relief agency sources said the troops overran the Khmer Rouge border village of Kok Taban, about 10 kilometers from Phnom Chat.

That action caused a day-long exodus of 7,000 or more Kampucheans into Thailand. They were still taking refuge Sunday night in and around the anti-tank ditch inside Thailand which runs the length of the country's eastern border.

## Bangkok accused of slander

BANGKOK, April 3 (AP) — Vietnam on Sunday accused Thai authorities of releasing repeated fabrications to vilify Vietnam, worsening their relations and undermining a trend toward peaceful dialogue in the region.

The comments in the Vietnamese Communist Party daily *Nhan Dan* came after Vietnamese troops have clashed with Thai troops in an offensive against Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

"It is a well-known fact that the Chinese reactionaries in collusion with U.S. imperialism and other reactionary forces are nurturing and arming the Pol Pot bandits and other Khmer reactionaries against the Kampuchean people's rebirth, thus main-

taining permanent tension on the Thai-Cambodian border," the newspaper said.

"Of late, Chinese vessels transported arms to Khmer reactionaries in preparation for new acts of sabotage in this monsoon season. Thai and Chinese military advisers are training Khmer bandits in several camps on the Thai-Cambodian border," it charged.

"The Thai authorities still turn a deaf ear to the just and reasonable proposals of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia," said *Nhan Dan*. It said peace proposals put forward by the three Indochinese countries at a summit meeting in Vietnam Laos on Feb. 23 were sincere, adding, "dialogue is better than confrontation."

## 22 'gang of four' aides jailed

PEKING, April 3 (AP) — A Shanghai court has ordered prison terms of up to 14 years for 22 persons accused of kidnap, fatal torture and armed rebellion plots aimed at seizing power in China for the radical "gang of four," Shanghai newspapers report.

Some of the defendants also were accused of gathering material intended for use in framing Deng Xiaoping, now China's top leader, the papers added. Deng was purged twice during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

The trials began last November in the intermediate people's court in Shanghai, the power base of the "gang" headed by Jiang Qing, wife of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung, said the *Liberation Daily* and *Wen Hui Bao*.

It was the largest series of trials reported so far for followers of the four, who were sentenced to prison in 1981 on charges of persecution and frame-ups in a bid to seize total power.

Eight leading lieutenants of the gang were sentenced to prison in Shanghai last September, and three leaders of the youthful "Red Guards" who rampaged in Peking in the late 1960s were sentenced last month to terms ranging from 15 to 17 years.

The two Shanghai newspapers' Saturday editions, seen in Peking Sunday, said 21 of

the defendants received prison terms ranging from six to 14 years. The 22nd was deprived of political rights for two years.

The papers did not say how long the defendants already had been in prison, but about half of them were accused of plotting an armed rebellion after the arrest of the "gang of four" in October 1976, one month after Mao's death.

The court ordered the longest term of 14 years for You Xueiao, accused of organizing a small group of special agents to shadow, kidnap and torture political opponents and to extort and fabricate information to be used against veteran officials.

A number of the victims were persecuted to death, the papers said, but they gave no numbers. They said a number of officials, scientists and technicians were framed as "spies" and "counterrevolutionaries."

Some of the frame-up efforts, the papers added, were directed not only against Deng, but also against other veteran officials who had returned to work after being purged in the early years of the Cultural Revolution.

The defendants' actions, the papers said, "were coordinated with efforts by the Jiang Qing counterrevolutionary clique to 'seize party and state power.'"

## China charge denied

PARIS, April 3 (AFP) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson denied at a meeting here with the Chinese ambassador to France that he had said or let it be understood that Thailand was right to beware of China, his ministry said in a communique.

The denial follows a strong reaction in the Peking press to comments attributed to Cheysson from a recent private meeting he held in Bangkok. Cheysson on Saturday said France had for several months given its support to United Nations resolutions on the Cambodian issue. He said he had reiterated this position at press conferences he gave while on his recent trip to Asia.

## Salvador rebels observe tacit truce

SAN SALVADOR, April 3 (AFP) — Despite continuing military combat and political maneuvering in El Salvador during the past week, many Salvadorans turned to religious activities or headed for beach resorts.

There was heavy traffic on roads leading to Pacific Ocean beaches, and the country's left-wing guerrillas appeared to be observing a tacit truce after claiming to have stormed the northeastern town of San Isidro in Morazan province Wednesday.

Radio Venceremos, main voice of the guerrilla movement, said 67 soldiers and 17 paramilitary troops were killed during the attack on San Isidro. The soldiers belonged to the Ramon Belloso Battalion, one of three "elite" U.S.-trained units.

The government did not confirm the losses, saying only that "contacts with the terrorists"

## Court to hear appeals in Spanish plot

MADRID, April 3 (AFP) — Nearly 26 months after army officers tried to overthrow Spain's democracy and more than 10 months after their trial ended, Spain's highest non-constitutional court on Wednesday will hear appeals both from some of the officers and from the government itself.

The new proceedings will come amid a sharp drop in tension between the military and the government. Threats of a coup to prevent the Socialists from winning last October's election have given way to an increase in the Socialists' popularity in the military. Thus, most analysts believe that a new military coup is now unlikely.

This change from the atmosphere during and after the trials — when rumors of military plots surfaced regularly — has been explained by several Socialist gestures aimed at reassuring the army.

The Socialist prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez, has repeatedly praised the military as "the backbone of the state," and on Dec. 8, he made the unprecedented gesture of visiting the prestigious *Brigade Armored Division* — one of those considered to be the most anti-Socialist — and laid a wreath for its soldiers who died fighting the Socialists during the Civil War.

The drop in tension emboldened the defense minister, Narcis Serra, to announce in February a far-reaching reform program that will seek to do away with some of the army's oldest traditions, and to shift its role from that of an internal anti-dissident organism to that of a modern army.

Perhaps the most notable of several appeals from the convicted officers to be heard Wednesday will come from Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch, the commander of the Valencia military region. On Feb. 23, the day of the coup, Gen. Del Bosch declared a state of emergency and sent his tanks into the streets of Valencia.

Gen. Milans del Bosch and Lt. Antonio Tejero Molina, who held members of the Cortes, Spain's parliament, at gunpoint for several hours on Feb. 23, were sentenced last June 3 to 30 years in prison.

Lawyers for Gen. Milans del Bosch will argue that the sentence — the heaviest handed down by the court-martial judging those charged — was far too severe, court sources say. They will contend that the events of Feb. 23 cannot be considered an armed rebellion as the court-martial found, because no such revolt took place.

The lawyers' appeal brief includes 14 claims of procedural violations by the court-martial and 12 outright "infractions of the law."

The Milans del Bosch brief also seems to portray the third coup leader, Gen. Armada Comyn, as the real brain behind the plot. Gen. Armada Comyn received a six-year term, because the court-martial found that he had plotted the rebellion, but not in fact rebelled.

The high court will also review an appeal from the state — permitted under Spanish law — in which prosecutor Luis Antonio Buron Barba also will ask for a stiffer sentence for Gen. Armada Comyn, the deputy commander of Spain's land forces at the time of the putsch.

Buron will also call for the rebellion sentence to be applied to six other convicted officers, and will ask prison terms for eight civil guard lieutenants whose acquittal raised a storm of protest.

At the time of the acquittal, Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo expressed "deep preoccupation" and pledged an appeal. His Socialist successor, Felipe Gonzalez, called the verdict "erroneous, dissatisfying and preoccupying."

The reported military losses continued to put pressure on Defense Minister Gen. Jose Guillermo Garcia. The latest official call for his resignation was the air force commander, Col. Rafael Bustillo.

The provisional right-wing government headed by Alvaro Magana was also facing difficulties following the resignation of Finance Minister Jorge Tenorio and widespread protests against a proposed tax package.

The tax package would impose a 10 percent levy on national lottery winnings, increase the price of cigarettes and raise the charge for fiscal stamps (required to make documents official).

## W. Berlin pacifists held

BONN, April 3 (R) — Police Sunday detained 60 persons trying to blockade a U.S. radar station in West Berlin and dragged a West German member of parliament from an American army barracks gate in Bavaria as anti-nuclear demonstrators pressed their protests over the festive weekend.

A West Berlin police spokesman said some 120 persons turned up to blockade the access road to the radar site, which is believed to house equipment for monitoring military activities in surrounding East Germany.

The spokesman said some 60 persons were detained for defying a Western allied ban on demonstrations close to military sites in the city and the other protesters then slowly drifted away. For the third successive day demonstrators kept up attempts to block the gate to the U.S. Army's Wiley barracks in Neu-Ulm, Bavaria, which they say is a nuclear weapons depot.

But as fast as they sat down at the entrance, police dragged them away. Among those car-

ried off was a parliamentary member of the Greens Party, former Maj. Gen. Gerd Bastian, who was eased out of the army several years ago for publicly criticizing Western defense policies.

Meanwhile, spokesmen for the demonstrations, organized by the Communist Party and its affiliates, trade unions, the Greens and the main opposition Social Democratic Party (SPD), claimed a steady increase in the number of marchers converging on major cities for the climactic Easter rallies Monday.

They said the march on the Ruhr city of Dortmund now numbered 16,000 persons, while thousands of others were converging on Cologne and on Kellinghausen, which they allege is a nuclear weapons depot. Kellinghausen has been the scene of a peaceful blockade since the Easter anti-nuclear program began Friday.

The largest rally Sunday took place in Nuremberg, although the number of those attending it was not yet known.

## Maneka launches party

NEW DELHI, April 3 (R) — Maneka Gandhi, rebel daughter-in-law of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Sunday formally launched a new party with a call for India's youth to join the fight against corruption and unemployment.

Speaking at the party's first national convention in Delhi, Maneka said the government had become divorced from the people and tainted with corruption. Lashing out at Mrs. Gandhi's government, she charged: "the larger the disaster, the greater the bungle, the more it is regarded as a statistic." "The nation is under siege," she said, "and the attackers are corruption and unemployment."

Maneka, the 26-year-old widow of Mrs. Gandhi's son Sanjay who died in a plane crash in 1980, announced the formation of her new party late last month while predicting general elections within the next nine months. She says the party called Rashtriya Sanjay Manch (national Sanjay organization) has formed cells in most parts of India and has

800,000 members. It will press for decentralization, job-oriented education and more aid for farmers.

Formation of the new party has placed Maneka in direct confrontation with the ruling Congress (I) Party. She called for a new spirit amongst the country's youth to help combat poverty. "The struggle for independence brought forth the very best in us. The battle against poverty is yet to be won," she told some 3,000 delegates at a rally.

Pictures of Sanjay, draped with Marigolds, were on the podium and a large painting of the party's flag—a saffron-colored India backed with green and white—formed the backdrop. The party has grown up over the past year since Maneka announced the formation of a group to perpetuate Sanjay's ideas.

Sanjay was one of the most powerful men in India when he died. His role during Mrs. Gandhi's 1975-77 emergency rule when he devised mass sterilization schemes and ordered destruction of Delhi slums turned him into a controversial figure.

## 7 killed in Assam shoot-out

NEW DELHI, April 3 (Agencies) — Seven persons were killed and 13 injured when police fired on a 500-strong armed crowd which tried to attack a refugee camp in upper Assam, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said Sunday.

The agency said the crowd, armed with guns, bows and arrows and other weapons

tried to attack some 50 families sheltering in the camp in Sibsagar district of the troubled northeast Indian state Saturday night. Several policemen were also injured. The families had taken shelter in the camp when their village was set ablaze by an armed gang that killed 10 persons last Monday.

The agency did not identify the groups involved but previous clashes have been between ethnic Assamese or tribesmen and Bengali-speaking Muslim immigrants. More than 3,000 persons died and 250,000 were made homeless in violence during elections in Assam in February.

Meanwhile, one person was axed to death in the upper Assam city of Jorhat, 725 kilometers northeast of Calcutta, officials said. Three bodies were found by police in the Boko area of Kamrup district.

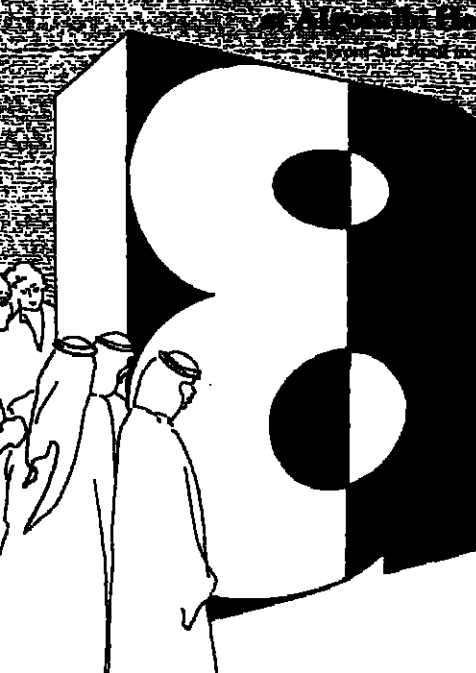
## Diouf takes office

DAKAR, April 3 (AFP) — President Abdou Diouf of Senegal on Sunday took office and appointed Mustapha Niasse as prime minister by decree, following the February legislative and presidential elections which returned the Socialist Party to power.

Niasse, 42, replaced Habib Thiam who was elected speaker of the National Assembly Saturday.

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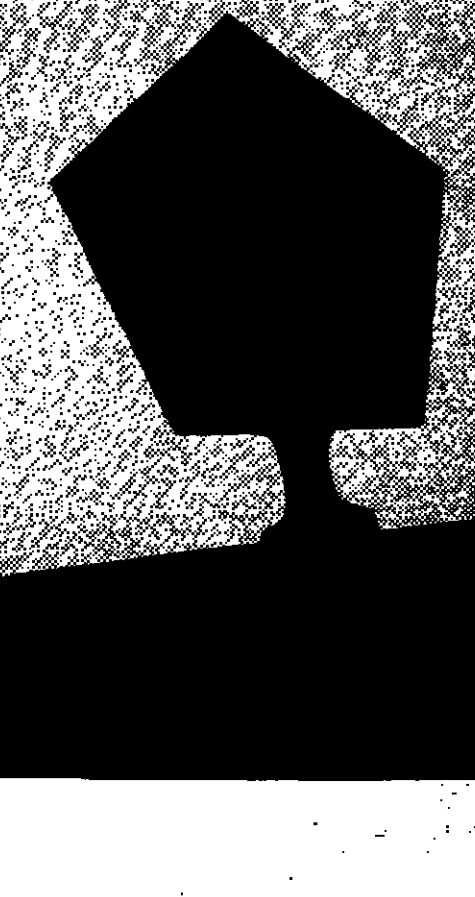
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